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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. Fill in the Blank

The professor's explanation was so \_\_\_\_\_ that even advanced students struggled to grasp the underlying principle.

- a) lucid
- b) opaque
- c) perspicuous
- d) pellucid

Answer: b) opaque

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#### 2. Cloze Test (2 blanks)

The diplomat spoke with such \_\_\_\_\_ that the audience mistook his evasions for clarity, though in truth his remarks were laden with \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) candor ... obfuscation
- b) verbosity ... precision
- c) tact ... ambiguity
- d) fervor ... transparency

Answer: a) candor ... obfuscation

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### 3. Word Knowledge

Which word best describes “a short-lived passion or obsession”?

- a) reverie
- b) whimsy
- c) infatuation
- d) ennui

Answer: c) infatuation

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### 4. Spot the Error

Identify the error:

“The researcher’s findings were so unprecedented that they were met with both acclaim and skepticism by the scientific community.”

- a) unprecedented
- b) were met with
- c) skepticism
- d) scientific community

Answer: c) skepticism (should be *skepticism*)

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### 5. Idiom & Phrase

Choose the correct meaning of: “To move heaven and earth”

- a) To act lazily
- b) To make every possible effort
- c) To mislead someone
- d) To remain indifferent

Answer: b) To make every possible effort

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### 6. Phrase Starter / Connector

Complete logically:

“Not only did the philosopher challenge conventional wisdom, but he also \_\_\_\_\_.”

- a) reinforced the need to follow tradition
- b) proposed radical alternatives

- c) rejected critical thinking
- d) denied the value of new ideas

Answer: b) proposed radical alternatives

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## 7. Analogy

Hermit : Seclusion :: Epicure : ?

- a) Solitude
- b) Luxury
- c) Indulgence
- d) Gastronomy

Answer: d) Gastronomy

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## 8. Odd One Out

- a) cacophony
- b) euphony
- c) melody
- d) dissonance

Answer: c) melody (others imply harshness or contrast in sound)

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## 9. Synonym

Choose the closest synonym of “trenchant”:

- a) blunt
- b) incisive
- c) vague
- d) superficial

Answer: b) incisive

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## 10. Antonym

Antonym of “florid” (as in florid prose):

- a) ornate

- b) unadorned
- c) embellished
- d) decorative

Answer: b) unadorned

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## 11. Passage-Based (100 words approx.)

Passage:

"In the realm of scientific advancement, skepticism is often misinterpreted as cynicism. Yet, genuine skepticism demands rigorous inquiry, not dismissive doubt. The former propels discovery by questioning assumptions; the latter halts progress by negating it outright. Scientists who thrive are those who strike a delicate balance—doubting enough to probe but believing enough to pursue."

Q: According to the passage, cynicism differs from skepticism because it:

- a) questions assumptions critically
- b) halts inquiry prematurely
- c) promotes discovery
- d) balances belief and doubt

Answer: b) halts inquiry prematurely

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## 12. Fill in the Blank

Despite his \_\_\_\_\_ arguments, the jury found his claims unsubstantiated and rejected his appeal.

- a) cogent
- b) tenuous
- c) compelling
- d) logical

Answer: b) tenuous

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## 13. Cloze Test

The student's essay was \_\_\_\_\_ with complex theories but lacked the \_\_\_\_\_ to present them coherently.

- a) replete ... structure

- b) bereft ... insight
- c) concise ... evidence
- d) embellished ... credibility

Answer: a) replete ... structure

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## 14. Word Knowledge

The word "ineluctable" means:

- a) easily avoidable
- b) impossible to escape
- c) extremely rare
- d) highly probable

Answer: b) impossible to escape

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## 15. Spot the Error

"The committee, along with its chairpersons, were reluctant to approve the radical proposal."

- a) committee
- b) along with
- c) were
- d) radical

Answer: c) were (should be was)

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## 16. Idiom & Phrase

"To throw down the gauntlet" means:

- a) To give up a fight
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To ignore an insult
- d) To surrender honor

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

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## 17. Phrase Connector

“Hardly had the debate begun \_\_\_\_\_.”

- a) when the audience dispersed
- b) and the participants left
- c) since the arguments were weak
- d) but it turned chaotic

Answer: a) when the audience dispersed

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## 18. Analogy

Fathom : Depth :: Gauge : ?

- a) Speed
- b) Pressure
- c) Distance
- d) Height

Answer: a) Speed

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## 19. Odd One Out

- a) prolix
- b) succinct
- c) verbose
- d) garrulous

Answer: b) succinct

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## 20. Synonym

Choose the synonym of “pernicious”:

- a) beneficial
- b) harmful
- c) neutral
- d) medicinal

Answer: b) harmful

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## 21. Antonym

Antonym of “magnanimous”:

- a) petty
- b) generous
- c) altruistic
- d) forgiving

Answer: a) petty

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## 22. Fill in the Blank

The scientist’s theory, though initially ridiculed, later gained \_\_\_\_\_ as evidence accumulated in its favor.

- a) obsolescence
- b) credence
- c) disrepute
- d) disdain

Answer: b) credence

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## 23. Cloze Test

His sudden resignation was as \_\_\_\_\_ as it was \_\_\_\_\_, leaving the company in utter disarray.

- a) unexpected ... inexplicable
- b) predictable ... shocking
- c) sudden ... deliberate
- d) ambiguous ... clear

Answer: a) unexpected ... inexplicable

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## 24. Word Knowledge

Which word refers to “the study of knowledge itself”?

- a) Ontology
- b) Epistemology
- c) Phenomenology
- d) Semiotics

Answer: b) Epistemology

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## 25. Spot the Error

“No sooner the play had begun when the electricity went off.”

- a) No sooner
- b) the play had begun
- c) when
- d) electricity

Answer: b) the play had begun (correct form: *No sooner had the play begun...*)

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## 26. Idiom & Phrase

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

- a) To delay a decision
- b) To solve a problem boldly
- c) To ignore the issue
- d) To create confusion

Answer: b) To solve a problem boldly

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## 27. Analogy

Saturnine : Gloomy :: Mercurial : ?

- a) Stubborn
- b) Moody
- c) Jovial
- d) Predictable

Answer: b) Moody

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## 28. Odd One Out

- a) abstruse
- b) recondite
- c) arcane
- d) transparent



Answer: d) transparent

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## 29. Synonym

Synonym of “equanimity”:

- a) anxiety
- b) composure
- c) rashness
- d) fervor

Answer: b) composure

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## 30. Antonym

Antonym of “ostensible”:

- a) apparent
- b) genuine
- c) visible
- d) illusory

Answer: b) genuine

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## 31. Passage-Based (120 words approx.)

Passage:

“History often privileges victors, not truth. Narratives constructed by those in power are presented as objective accounts, though they may distort or omit inconvenient realities. Critical historiography thus becomes essential: it interrogates sources, questions motives, and exposes silences. Only through such scrutiny can we approach a semblance of historical accuracy, if not absolute truth.”

Q: The author suggests that traditional history is problematic because it:

- a) is too detailed
- b) ignores victors’ perspectives
- c) conceals inconvenient realities
- d) rejects objectivity altogether

Answer: c) conceals inconvenient realities

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### 32. Fill in the Blank

His remarks were so \_\_\_\_\_ that they bordered on insult.

- a) caustic
- b) genial
- c) conciliatory
- d) gracious

Answer: a) caustic

### 33. Cloze Test

The scientist's \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor masked his \_\_\_\_\_ intellect, surprising even seasoned scholars.

- a) humble ... formidable
- b) arrogant ... shallow
- c) indifferent ... ordinary
- d) cordial ... weak

Answer: a) humble ... formidable

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### 34. Word Knowledge

The word "antediluvian" literally means:

- a) futuristic
- b) before the flood
- c) timeless
- d) archaic

Answer: b) before the flood

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### 35. Spot the Error

"The jury was divided in their opinions regarding the complexity of the case."

- a) jury
- b) was
- c) divided
- d) their

Answer: d) their (should be *its*)