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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. (Filler)

Despite the professor's vast knowledge, his lectures were so _____ that students often left more confused than enlightened.

- a) erudite
- b) recondite
- c) pellucid
- d) articulate

Answer: b) recondite

2. (Cloze Test)

The committee's decision to remain _____ in the face of overwhelming evidence of corruption reflected not neutrality but cowardice.

- a) ambivalent
- b) obstinate
- c) taciturn
- d) supine

Answer: d) supine

3. (Word Knowledge)

Choose the word most closely associated with *laconic*.

- a) verbose
- b) succinct
- c) effusive
- d) circumlocutory

Answer: b) succinct

4. (Spot the Error)

Identify the part of the sentence that contains an error:

His arguments, though persuasive, were replete with fallacy that weakened the entire discourse.

- a) His arguments
- b) though persuasive
- c) were replete with fallacy
- d) that weakened the entire discourse

Answer: c) were replete with fallacy (should be “fallacies”)

5. (Idioms and Phrases)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To retreat from conflict
- b) To challenge someone
- c) To admit defeat
- d) To mislead intentionally

Answer: b) To challenge someone

6. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

Complete the sentence:

_____, the government’s reforms failed to address systemic inequality.

- a) Contrary to public opinion
- b) Notwithstanding initial enthusiasm

- c) Because of their popularity
- d) Due to widespread approval

Answer: b) Notwithstanding initial enthusiasm

7. (Analogy)

Obdurate : Persuasion :: Permeable : _____

- a) Water
- b) Influence
- c) Resistance
- d) Porosity

Answer: c) Resistance

8. (Odd One Out)

Identify the odd one:

- a) Prosaic
- b) Mundane
- c) Quotidian
- d) Ethereal

Answer: d) Ethereal

9. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *vituperative*:

- a) Abusive
- b) Complimentary
- c) Neutral
- d) Persuasive

Answer: a) Abusive

10. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of *munificent*:

- a) Generous
- b) Parsimonious
- c) Affluent
- d) Magnanimous

Answer: b) Parsimonious

11. (Filler)

The scientist's claim was dismissed as _____, lacking both empirical support and logical coherence.

- a) plausible
- b) spurious
- c) tenable
- d) credible

Answer: b) spurious

12. (Cloze Test)

The novel, though widely acclaimed, was criticized for its _____ narrative style, which often digressed into irrelevant anecdotes.

- a) discursive
- b) concise
- c) terse
- d) elliptical

Answer: a) discursive

13. (Word Knowledge)

The word *pell-mell* most nearly means:

- a) In confusion or disorder
- b) In careful order
- c) In gradual succession
- d) In secrecy

Answer: a) In confusion or disorder

14. (Spot the Error)

Identify the error:

The jury was divided in their opinions, making it impossible to reach a consensus.

- a) The jury
- b) was divided
- c) in their opinions
- d) making it impossible

Answer: c) in their opinions (should be "its opinions")

15. (Idioms and Phrases)

"To bell the cat" means:

- a) To perform a daring task
- b) To avoid responsibility
- c) To create confusion
- d) To escape silently

Answer: a) To perform a daring task

16. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

_____, the philosopher insisted that happiness was a state of mind rather than a product of wealth.

- a) In opposition to this
- b) In stark contrast
- c) On the contrary
- d) For instance

Answer: c) On the contrary

17. (Analogy)

Choleric : Temper :: Lachrymose : _____

- a) Anger

- b) Tears
- c) Joy
- d) Patience

Answer: b) Tears

18. (Odd One Out)

- a) Ephemeral
- b) Transitory
- c) Evanescent
- d) Immutable

Answer: d) Immutable

19. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *intransigent*:

- a) Flexible
- b) Stubborn
- c) Agreeable
- d) Submissive

Answer: b) Stubborn

20. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of *taciturn*:

- a) Reserved
- b) Reticent
- c) Garrulous
- d) Silent

Answer: c) Garrulous

21. (Filler)

The manager's _____ attitude alienated the employees, who felt belittled and undervalued.

- a) condescending
- b) empathetic
- c) genial
- d) solicitous

Answer: a) condescending

22. (Cloze Test)

The monk's _____ lifestyle was in sharp contrast to the lavish existence of the nobles.

- a) ascetic
- b) hedonistic
- c) extravagant
- d) indulgent

Answer: a) ascetic

23. (Word Knowledge)

The word *pugnacious* is most nearly related to:

- a) Peaceful
- b) Combative
- c) Gentle
- d) Harmonious

Answer: b) Combative

24. (Spot the Error)

Neither the principal nor the teachers was willing to compromise on their principles.

- a) Neither the principal
- b) nor the teachers
- c) was willing
- d) to compromise on their principles

Answer: c) was willing (should be “were willing”)

25. (Idioms and Phrases)

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

- a) To avoid responsibility
- b) To solve a problem boldly
- c) To create complications
- d) To delay indefinitely

Answer: b) To solve a problem boldly

26. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

_____, the experiment confirmed the hypothesis beyond reasonable doubt.

- a) By contrast
- b) In conclusion
- c) Meanwhile
- d) Nevertheless

Answer: b) In conclusion

27. (Analogy)

Hermit : Solitude :: Sybarite : _____

- a) Poverty
- b) Luxury
- c) Isolation
- d) Faith

Answer: b) Luxury

28. (Odd One Out)

- a) Mellifluous
- b) Euphonious
- c) Cacophonous
- d) Harmonious

Answer: c) Cacophonous

29. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *magnanimous*:

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

Answer: b) Generous

30. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of *credulous*:

- a) Gullible
- b) Trusting
- c) Skeptical
- d) Naïve

Answer: c) Skeptical

31. (Filler)

The general's _____ strategy ensured victory despite limited resources.

- a) inept
- b) astute
- c) clumsy
- d) obtuse

Answer: b) astute

32. (Cloze Test)

Her speech was so _____ that it left the audience both inspired and introspective.

- a) banal
- b) profound

- c) vapid
- d) trite

Answer: b) profound

33. (Word Knowledge)

The word *apocryphal* most nearly means:

- a) Authentic
- b) Dubious
- c) Genuine
- d) Verified

Answer: b) Dubious

34. (Passage – 120 words approx.)

The Enlightenment period championed reason as the ultimate tool for human progress. Philosophers argued that superstition and dogma curtailed intellectual growth. Yet, paradoxically, the movement's emphasis on reason often dismissed emotional and cultural values, leading to criticisms of excessive rationalism. Modern debates echo this tension—whether rationality alone can guide ethical decisions or whether moral intuition and cultural traditions must also be considered.

Q: What is the central paradox highlighted in the passage?

- a) Rationality both promotes and restricts progress
- b) Superstition aids human growth
- c) Emotions are superior to rationality
- d) Cultural values have no relevance to ethics

Answer: a) Rationality both promotes and restricts progress

35. (Passage – Connector based)

Scientific progress, while transformative, has often produced unintended consequences. For instance, the industrial revolution increased productivity but also exacerbated inequality and environmental degradation. Similarly, digital innovation has democratized information but created new forms of surveillance and misinformation.

Q: Which connector best fits to continue the argument?

- a) Nevertheless
- b) Consequently
- c) By contrast
- d) Therefore

Answer: b) Consequently