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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. Which of the following words is closest in meaning to "lurid"?

- A. Subtle
- B. Gruesome
- C. Dull
- D. Measured

Answer: B. Gruesome

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2. Identify the most suitable synonym of "abstruse" in this context:

*The professor's lecture was so abstruse that only a few students could follow it.*

- A. Engaging
- B. Tedious
- C. Obscure
- D. Redundant

Answer: C. Obscure

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3. Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to "cajole".

- A. Persuade
- B. Coerce
- C. Flatter
- D. Beseech

Answer: B. Coerce

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4. The word "recalcitrant" best applies to:

- A. Someone easily influenced
- B. One who obeys orders diligently
- C. A rebellious and uncooperative person
- D. An emotionally detached individual

Answer: C. A rebellious and uncooperative person

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5. Which of the following best represents the meaning of "sanguine"?

- A. Pessimistic
- B. Cautiously hesitant
- C. Confidently optimistic
- D. Melancholy

Answer: C. Confidently optimistic

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6. Choose the correct usage of the word "excoriate":

- A. The surgeon excoriated the tissue carefully.
- B. The critics excoriated the play for its lack of originality.
- C. He excoriated the marble into a fine sculpture.
- D. The general excoriated his troops into formation.

Answer: B. The critics excoriated the play for its lack of originality.

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7. "Torpor" is most likely to be associated with:

- A. Agility
- B. Intellect

- C. Lethargy
- D. Curiosity

Answer: C. Lethargy

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8. Select the word most different in tone from "pragmatic":

- A. Realistic
- B. Idealistic
- C. Practical
- D. Functional

Answer: B. Idealistic

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9. Which of the following best describes the word "pellucid"?

- A. Easily misunderstood
- B. Transparently clear
- C. Densely written
- D. Vaguely stated

Answer: B. Transparently clear

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10. The word "sycophant" refers to:

- A. An outspoken critic
- B. A genuine leader
- C. A self-serving flatterer
- D. A creative thinker

Answer: C. A self-serving flatterer

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11. Which of these words has a positive connotation?

- A. Belligerent
- B. Ubiquitous
- C. Sardonic
- D. Pernicious

Answer: B. Ubiquitous

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12. What does "ephemeral" mean?

- A. Lasting forever
- B. Vivid and striking
- C. Short-lived
- D. Deep and introspective

Answer: C. Short-lived

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13. Choose the word that is most similar to "obfuscate":

- A. Clarify
- B. Illuminate
- C. Confuse
- D. Specify

Answer: C. Confuse

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14. The noun form of "esoteric" is:

- A. Esoterica
- B. Esoterism
- C. Esotericity
- D. Esoterismality

Answer: A. Esoterica

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15. A person who practices misanthropy:

- A. Loves being in the spotlight
- B. Avoids financial dealings
- C. Distrusts or dislikes humankind
- D. Is obsessed with rituals

Answer: C. Distrusts or dislikes humankind

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16. Which of the following sentences best exemplifies the word "ameliorate"?

- A. The repairs made the situation worse.
- B. She tried to ameliorate the pain by applying ice.
- C. His speech exacerbated tensions.
- D. They ignored the problems altogether.

Answer: B. She tried to ameliorate the pain by applying ice.

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17. Identify the correct analogy:

Quixotic is to realism as:

- A. Pragmatic is to delusion
- B. Cynical is to suspicion
- C. Romantic is to skepticism
- D. Utopian is to practicality

Answer: D. Utopian is to practicality

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18. Select the best replacement for the phrase in quotes:

She delivered the news in a "laconic manner."

- A. With excessive emotion
- B. In a dramatic fashion
- C. Brief and to the point
- D. With detailed explanations

Answer: C. Brief and to the point

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19. The difference between "veracity" and "voracity" lies in:

- A. Intellect vs. Appetite
- B. Truthfulness vs. Greed
- C. Accuracy vs. Hunger
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above

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20. “Anachronism” refers to:

- A. A belief system
- B. A historical fact
- C. Something placed out of its proper time
- D. A recurring theme

Answer: C. Something placed out of its proper time

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21. A person showing equanimity would most likely:

- A. Be anxious and impulsive
- B. Remain calm in crisis
- C. Display overt excitement
- D. Panic in public

Answer: B. Remain calm in crisis

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22. Which of the following is the best antonym of “exacerbate”?

- A. Aggravate
- B. Soothe
- C. Extend
- D. Clarify

Answer: B. Soothe

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23. A “panacea” is:

- A. A diplomatic strategy
- B. A universal remedy
- C. A toxic element
- D. A controversial decision

Answer: B. A universal remedy

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24. The tone of "magnanimous" is:

- A. Neutral
- B. Negative
- C. Positive
- D. Sarcastic

Answer: C. Positive

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25. Which word is most suitable in the context of philosophy?

- A. Pragmatism
- B. Hedonism
- C. Nihilism
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above

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26. What does "vicissitude" mean?

- A. The act of dividing
- B. A sudden change in fortune
- C. An elaborate explanation
- D. A redundant idea

Answer: B. A sudden change in fortune

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27. The root meaning of "benevolent" is:

- A. Loud voice
- B. Bad choice
- C. Wishing well
- D. Acting swiftly

Answer: C. Wishing well

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28. Which sentence misuses the word "prodigal"?

- A. The prodigal son returned home.
- B. She made prodigal use of the family wealth.
- C. He's known for his prodigal generosity in parties.
- D. The machine worked in a prodigal manner.

Answer: D. The machine worked in a prodigal manner.

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29. A "polemic" is:

- A. A diplomatic treaty
- B. A strong verbal or written attack
- C. A persuasive advertisement
- D. A commemorative speech

Answer: B. A strong verbal or written attack

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30. Which pair is incorrect?

- A. Laconic – Brief
- B. Soporific – Sleep-inducing
- C. Loquacious – Talkative
- D. Ascetic – Indulgent

Answer: D. Ascetic – Indulgent

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31. Identify the metaphorical meaning of:

*"He was a juggernaut in the courtroom."*

- A. Someone who lacked evidence
- B. A dominant and unstoppable force
- C. A peaceful negotiator
- D. An untested participant

Answer: B. A dominant and unstoppable force

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32. "Insouciance" is best described as:

- A. Intentional carelessness
- B. Cheerful indifference
- C. Rebellious arrogance
- D. Expressed anxiety

Answer: B. Cheerful indifference

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33. What does "antediluvian" most nearly mean?

- A. Before the 19th century
- B. Ridiculously old-fashioned
- C. Nonexistent
- D. Supernaturally created

Answer: B. Ridiculously old-fashioned

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34. Which of these describes a "chimera"?

- A. A factual documentary
- B. A legendary warrior
- C. A fantasy or illusion
- D. A technical invention

Answer: C. A fantasy or illusion

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35. "Inscrutable" behavior is:

- A. Predictable and easy to read
- B. Based on evidence
- C. Mysterious and hard to interpret
- D. Emotionally warm

Answer: C. Mysterious and hard to interpret