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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 his outward calm, his voice betrayed a sense of _____.

- a) equanimity
- b) trepidation
- c) fortitude
- d) resilience

Answer: b) trepidation

2. (Word Knowledge)

Choose the word that best describes "a person who derives pleasure from others' pain."

- a) Masochist
- b) Hedonist
- c) Sadist
- d) Pessimist

Answer: c) Sadist

3. (Analogy)

Hermetic : Sealed :: Nebulous : ?

- a) Transparent
- b) Vague
- c) Precise

d) Radiant

Answer: b) Vague

4. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

a) To surrender

b) To issue a challenge

c) To beg for mercy

d) To withdraw gracefully

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

5. (Spot the Error)

Identify the error:

Neither of the students *were* willing to accept responsibility.

a) Neither

b) of the students

c) were

d) willing to accept responsibility

Answer: c) were → should be “was”

6. (Phrase Starter/Connector)

Choose the best continuation:

Not only did the scientist propose a novel theory, but she also...

a) proved it through meticulous experimentation.

b) had been proving it with meticulous experimentation.

c) prove it through meticulous experimentation.

d) proves it by meticulous experimentation.

Answer: a) proved it through meticulous experimentation.

7. (Odd one out)

a) Ephemeral

b) Transient

c) Eternal

d) Evanescent

Answer: c) Eternal

8. (Synonym)

Select the closest synonym for obdurate:

- a) Flexible
- b) Stubborn
- c) Gentle
- d) Fragile

Answer: b) Stubborn

9. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of magnanimous:

- a) Generous
- b) Benevolent
- c) Vindictive
- d) Forgiving

Answer: c) Vindictive

10. (Cloze Test)

The politician's speech was full of _____ rather than substantive policy proposals.

- a) platitudes
 - b) insights
 - c) revelations
 - d) clarity
- Answer: a) platitudes
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11. (Word Knowledge)

A sycophant is someone who:

- a) Opposes authority openly
- b) Flatters for personal gain
- c) Engages in scholarly pursuits
- d) Lives in seclusion

Answer: b) Flatters for personal gain

12. (Filler)

Her writing style is so _____ that readers often struggle to discern her true argument.

- a) lucid
- b) obscure
- c) candid

d) eloquent

Answer: b) obscure

13. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To gild the lily” means:

a) To exaggerate unnecessarily

b) To act cowardly

c) To tarnish someone’s reputation

d) To improve efficiency

Answer: a) To exaggerate unnecessarily

14. (Analogy)

Ascetic : Indulgence :: Epicure : ?

a) Abstinence

b) Pleasure

c) Poverty

d) Silence

Answer: a) Abstinence

15. (Spot the Error)

No sooner *the train arrived* than the passengers rushed forward.

a) No sooner

b) the train arrived

c) than

d) the passengers rushed forward

Answer: b) the train arrived → should be “did the train arrive”

16. (Synonym)

Select the closest synonym of pellucid:

a) Murky

b) Transparent

c) Complicated

d) Opaque

Answer: b) Transparent

17. (Antonym)

Opposite of gregarious:

- a) Amiable
- b) Introverted
- c) Affable
- d) Outgoing

Answer: b) Introverted

18. (Odd one out)

- a) Pragmatic
- b) Realistic
- c) Utopian
- d) Practical

Answer: c) Utopian

19. (Phrase Starter)

In the event of unforeseen contingencies, one must...

- a) prepare with proactive strategies.
- b) prepares with proactive strategies.
- c) have preparing proactive strategies.
- d) prepared with proactive strategies.

Answer: a) prepare with proactive strategies.

20. (Idioms & Phrases)

"To cut the Gordian knot" means:

- a) To face humiliation
- b) To solve a complex problem with decisive action
- c) To complicate a situation
- d) To escape responsibility

Answer: b) To solve a complex problem with decisive action

21. (Cloze Test)

The professor's lecture was so _____ that even the most diligent students lost focus.

- a) enthralling
- b) soporific
- c) invigorating
- d) stimulating

Answer: b) soporific

22. (Word Knowledge)

The word "perspicacious" most nearly means:

- a) Lacking foresight
- b) Keenly perceptive
- c) Easily deceived
- d) Verbally expressive

Answer: b) Keenly perceptive

23. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of raucous:

- a) Harsh
- b) Soft
- c) Gentle
- d) Polite

Answer: a) Harsh

24. (Antonym)

Opposite of credulous:

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

Answer: b) Skeptical

25. (Odd one out)

- a) Ebullient
- b) Exuberant
- c) Melancholy
- d) Effervescent

Answer: c) Melancholy

26. (Spot the Error)

Each of the candidates have submitted their forms.

- a) Each
- b) of the candidates
- c) have

d) submitted their forms

Answer: c) have → should be “has”

27. (Analogy)

Callow : Experience :: Garrulous : ?

a) Talkative

b) Silent

c) Reserved

d) Wisdom

Answer: b) Silent

28. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To burn the candle at both ends” means:

a) To waste resources

b) To overwork oneself

c) To celebrate extravagantly

d) To escape problems

Answer: b) To overwork oneself

29. (Filler)

Her arguments were supported by _____ evidence, leaving little room for doubt.

a) spurious

b) empirical

c) fabricated

d) trivial

Answer: b) empirical

30. (Synonym)

Closest synonym for laconic:

a) Verbose

b) Reticent

c) Terse

d) Wordy

Answer: c) Terse

31. (Antonym)

Opposite of trenchant:

- a) Sharp
- b) Blunt
- c) Forceful
- d) Vigorous

Answer: b) Blunt

32. (Phrase Starter/Connector)

Although the evidence seemed overwhelming,...

- a) the jury remained unconvinced.
- b) the jury remains unconvinced.
- c) the jury unconvinced remain.
- d) the jury are unconvinced.

Answer: a) the jury remained unconvinced.

33. (Cloze Test)

The author's work was dismissed as a _____ of clichés and borrowed ideas.

- a) pastiche
- b) masterpiece
- c) novelty
- d) breakthrough

Answer: a) pastiche

34. (Word Knowledge)

The word "intransigent" refers to someone who is:

- a) Open to persuasion
- b) Uncompromising
- c) Temporarily distracted
- d) Easily swayed

Answer: b) Uncompromising

35. (Passage-based)

Passage (100 words):

Modern democracies face a paradox: while they emphasize individual freedom, they also demand collective responsibility. Citizens often mistake liberty for unrestrained autonomy, disregarding the social contract that binds communities together. True democracy thrives not merely on voting rights but also on the civic virtues of tolerance, participation, and accountability.

The weakening of these values transforms democracy into a hollow shell—one that sustains the form but loses the essence of governance.

Q: The author's primary concern is that:

- a) Democracy is incompatible with freedom
- b) Liberty is often misinterpreted
- c) Voting rights are unnecessary
- d) Civic virtues are irrelevant today

Answer: b) Liberty is often misinterpreted