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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 chair asked the secretary to _____ the members of the change in venue.

- A) appraise
- B) apprise
- C) apprize
- D) arise

Answer: B

2. Choose the antonym of *insouciant*:

- A) nonchalant
- B) carefree
- C) anxious
- D) blithe

Answer: C

3. Spot the error:

Neither the principal nor the heads of department is willing to revise their decision.

- A) is
- B) heads of department
- C) their
- D) No error

Answer: C (Use his or her / their only if you pluralize the subject; here agreement is off.)

4. Fill the blank:

Her analysis was so _____ that even experts revised their views.

- A) jejune
- B) perspicacious
- C) soporific
- D) fatuous

Answer: B

5. Odd one out:

- A) bellicose
- B) truculent
- C) pacific
- D) belligerent

Answer: C

6. Analogy:

Punctilious : Details :: Ascetic : _____

- A) austerity
- B) luxury
- C) levity
- D) charity

Answer: A

7. Word Knowledge:

Anodyne most nearly means:

- A) harmful
- B) soothing
- C) caustic
- D) trenchant

Answer: B

8. Idioms & Phrases:

"To throw down the gauntlet" means to:

- A) withdraw a claim
- B) issue a challenge
- C) change sides

D) accept defeat

Answer: B

9. Cloze:

The board tried to _____ concerns by promising an independent audit, but the assurance did little to _____ public anger.

A) inflame / mollify

B) assuage / exacerbate

C) allay / quell

D) provoke / pacify

Answer: C

10. Synonym of *extirpate*:

A) eradicate

B) cultivate

C) propagate

D) mitigate

Answer: A

11. Antonym of *obdurate*:

A) adamant

B) intransigent

C) pliant

D) refractory

Answer: C

12. Spot the error:

Hardly had the session begun when the opposition has staged a walkout.

A) begun

B) has staged

C) walkout

D) No error

Answer: B (Use had staged.)

13. Odd one out:

A) pellucid

- B) limpid
 - C) opaque
 - D) lucid
- Answer: C
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14. Fill the blank:

The minister's _____ statement managed to sound sincere while revealing almost nothing.

- A) forthright
- B) candid
- C) circumlocutory
- D) ingenuous

Answer: C

15. Analogy:

Anachronism : Time :: Solecism : _____

- A) style
- B) grammar
- C) history
- D) rhetoric

Answer: B

16. Passage (≈130 words):

Public consultations are often advertised as exercises in transparency, yet their design can subtly limit the range of acceptable outcomes. When questionnaires frame questions narrowly, dissenting perspectives are elided rather than engaged. Similarly, publishing raw data without context creates an illusion of openness while leaving lay readers none the wiser. True accountability requires not merely disclosure but intelligibility: explanations of trade-offs, uncertainties, and the criteria by which options will be judged. Without such candor, consultation becomes ritual—sanctifying decisions already made. Citizens sense the performative nature of the process and disengage, which officials then cite as apathy. The solution is prosaic but difficult: slow down, translate the technical into the public's idiom, and invite critique early enough to matter.

Question: The passage primarily argues that consultations fail when they lack:

- A) speed
- B) raw data
- C) intelligible context
- D) unanimous consensus

Answer: C

17. Word Knowledge:

Redound (to) means to:

- A) subtract from someone's credit
- B) rebound physically
- C) contribute to someone's credit or discredit
- D) neutralize an effect

Answer: C

18. Idioms & Phrases:

"To move the goalposts" means to:

- A) lower expectations
- B) change rules to gain advantage
- C) accept a compromise
- D) concede defeat

Answer: B

19. Cloze:

Years of neglect had _____ the institution to such a degree that even modest reforms _____ significant benefits.

- A) inured / obviated
- B) reduced / incurred
- C) vitiated / yielded
- D) occluded / precluded

Answer: C

20. Antonym of *abrogate*:

- A) annul
- B) rescind
- C) ratify
- D) void

Answer: C

21. Synonym of *impecunious*:

- A) affluent
- B) penurious
- C) munificent

D) opulent

Answer: B

22. Spot the error:

Each of the proposals have merits, but none justify the projected expenditures.

A) have

B) justify

C) expenditures

D) No error

Answer: A (Use has with "Each".)

23. Analogy:

Mercurial : Temperament :: Phlegmatic : _____

A) enthusiasm

B) composure

C) volatility

D) credulity

Answer: B

24. Odd one out:

A) boon

B) bane

C) scourge

D) affliction

Answer: A

25. Fill the blanks (double):

The settlement was a _____ victory, bringing only _____ relief to the plaintiffs.

A) Pyrrhic / transient

B) sweeping / durable

C) resounding / perpetual

D) illusory / abiding

Answer: A

26. Cloze:

Her review was notable for its _____ tone; she praised the craft while refusing to _____

the obvious flaws.

- A) vituperative / concede
- B) measured / elide
- C) histrionic / amplify
- D) sententious / extol

Answer: B

27. Idioms & Phrases:

"To burn the midnight oil" means to:

- A) waste time
- B) work late into the night
- C) celebrate a success
- D) argue pointlessly

Answer: B

28. Word Knowledge:

Palliate most nearly means:

- A) worsen a disease
- B) relieve without curing
- C) diagnose precisely
- D) prevent entirely

Answer: B

29. Synonym of *salient*:

- A) inconspicuous
- B) negligible
- C) prominent
- D) peripheral

Answer: C

30. Antonym of *recalcitrant*:

- A) compliant
- B) obstreperous
- C) contumacious
- D) insubordinate

Answer: A

31. Passage (≈120 words):

Conservation campaigns often default to charismatic megafauna—the tiger on a poster, the whale in a documentary—because charisma mobilizes donations. Yet ecosystems are not celebrity ensembles; they are networks of reciprocity in which the unglamorous matter: soil microbes, mangroves, pollinators. Funding that neglects these fundamentals risks theatrical success and ecological failure. The paradox is plain: by prioritizing what moves us emotionally, we may starve what moves the system functionally. A more rational strategy would weight investment by ecological leverage—protecting keystone species, safeguarding nutrient cycles, and restoring habitat mosaics—even when they lack photogenic appeal. The question is whether donors can be persuaded to underwrite outcomes rather than icons.

Question: The author's chief criticism is that conservation funding is:

- A) too large overall
- B) emotionally skewed and functionally misallocated
- C) excessively data-driven
- D) hostile to public engagement

Answer: B

32. Spot the error:

No sooner had the results been posted than the website crasheds under heavy traffic.

- A) had
- B) than
- C) crasheds
- D) No error

Answer: C (Use crashed.)

33. Analogy:

Quixotic : Practicality :: Sardonic : _____

- A) sincerity
- B) irony
- C) derision
- D) satire

Answer: A

34. Odd one out:

- A) vitriolic
- B) acerbic
- C) trenchant
- D) treacly

Answer: D

35. Fill the blank:

The committee's recommendation was to _____ the outdated by-laws rather than merely amend them.

- A) codify
- B) abrogate
- C) ossify
- D) instantiate

Answer: B