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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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Q1. Fill in the blank:

His speech was so \_\_\_\_\_ that even the most skeptical listeners found themselves persuaded.

- a) turgid
- b) mellifluous
- c) cacophonous
- d) lugubrious

Answer: b) mellifluous

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Q2. Cloze Test:

The scientist's approach, though seemingly \_\_\_\_\_, was grounded in rigorous logic and eventually yielded groundbreaking results.

- a) quixotic
- b) pedestrian
- c) banal
- d) pragmatic

Answer: a) quixotic

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Q3. Word Knowledge:

Which of the following words means *excessive pride or self-confidence*?

- a) hubris
- b) pathos
- c) logos

d) ethos

Answer: a) hubris

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Q4. Spot the error:

“The committee have reached their consensus, and it will be announced tomorrow.”

a) committee have

b) reached

c) their consensus

d) announced tomorrow

Answer: a) committee have (should be *committee has*)

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Q5. Idiom:

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

a) To accept defeat

b) To issue a challenge

c) To surrender honorably

d) To act impulsively

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

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Q6. Phrase Starter:

“Not only did the CEO propose an innovative idea, but also...”

a) she ensured its implementation.

b) she ensure its implementation.

c) she ensuring its implementation.

d) she to ensure its implementation.

Answer: a) she ensured its implementation.

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Q7. Analogy:

PANACEA : AILMENTS ::

a) catalyst : inertia

b) cure : disease

c) antidote : poison

d) therapy : diagnosis

Answer: c) antidote : poison

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Q8. Odd one out:

- a) ephemeral
- b) transient
- c) perpetual
- d) evanescent

Answer: c) perpetual

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Q9. Synonym:

Choose the synonym of *pellucid*:

- a) obscure
- b) transparent
- c) opaque
- d) turbid

Answer: b) transparent

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Q10. Antonym:

Choose the opposite of *austere*:

- a) severe
- b) ascetic
- c) opulent
- d) stark

Answer: c) opulent

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Q11. Passage (100–150 words):

*Despite the proliferation of digital media, traditional reading retains its primacy in cultivating critical thought. Unlike fragmented online content, books demand sustained attention, fostering both intellectual discipline and nuanced comprehension. This distinction, however, is increasingly blurred, as younger generations gravitate towards rapid consumption of information, mistaking speed for depth. The challenge, therefore, lies in reconciling immediacy with profundity, lest society sacrifice reflection at the altar of convenience.*

Q: The phrase “sacrifice reflection at the altar of convenience” suggests:

- a) Giving up deep thought for superficial ease
- b) Embracing traditional reading habits
- c) Reconciling depth with speed
- d) Overcoming intellectual discipline

Answer: a) Giving up deep thought for superficial ease

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Q12. Cloze Test:

The professor's lectures were admired for their clarity and \_\_\_\_\_, making even abstruse topics accessible.

- a) lucidity
- b) opacity
- c) prolixity
- d) obfuscation

Answer: a) lucidity

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Q13. Word Knowledge:

Which word denotes *a person who is indifferent to pleasure or pain*?

- a) hedonist
- b) stoic
- c) sybarite
- d) voluptuary

Answer: b) stoic

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Q14. Spot the error:

"No sooner the bell rang when the students rushed out of the classroom."

- a) No sooner
- b) the bell rang
- c) when
- d) rushed out

Answer: c) when (should be *than*)

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Q15. Idiom:

"To cut the Gordian knot" means:

- a) To complicate a problem
- b) To solve a problem decisively
- c) To delay a solution
- d) To avoid confrontation

Answer: b) To solve a problem decisively

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Q16. Analogy:

MERCURIAL : STABILITY ::

- a) dogmatic : flexibility
- b) phlegmatic : composure
- c) taciturn : silence

d) sanguine : optimism

Answer: a) dogmatic : flexibility

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Q17. Odd one out:

a) acrimonious

b) caustic

c) trenchant

d) benevolent

Answer: d) benevolent

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Q18. Synonym:

Choose the synonym of *inchoate*:

a) complete

b) nascent

c) obsolete

d) elaborate

Answer: b) nascent

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Q19. Antonym:

Choose the opposite of *munificent*:

a) generous

b) miserly

c) charitable

d) benevolent

Answer: b) miserly

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Q20. Cloze Test:

The diplomat's response was \_\_\_\_\_, avoiding direct answers while maintaining an air of politeness.

a) candid

b) evasive

c) forthright

d) sincere

Answer: b) evasive

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Q21. Passage (100–150 words):

*History often glorifies the victors, casting them as paragons of virtue while vilifying the defeated. Yet the truth, as historians increasingly recognize, is more complex. Narratives are shaped not only by triumph but also by the silent erasure of dissenting voices. To rely solely on official records is to inherit a partial truth, a truth curated to serve power rather than reality.*

Q: According to the passage, relying only on official records is problematic because:

- a) They glorify losers unfairly
- b) They erase dissenting voices
- c) They are completely false
- d) They focus only on failures

Answer: b) They erase dissenting voices

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Q22. Word Knowledge:

Which word means *the art of effective persuasion in speech or writing*?

- a) dialectic
- b) rhetoric
- c) semantics
- d) pragmatics

Answer: b) rhetoric

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Q23. Spot the error:

“Each of the participants have submitted their assignments.”

- a) Each of
- b) participants
- c) have submitted
- d) assignments

Answer: c) have submitted (should be *has submitted*)

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Q24. Idiom:

“To burn the candle at both ends” means:

- a) To save energy
- b) To work excessively without rest
- c) To live frugally
- d) To take shortcuts

Answer: b) To work excessively without rest

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Q25. Phrase Connector:

"The evidence was overwhelming; \_\_\_\_\_, the jury acquitted the defendant."

- a) therefore
- b) however
- c) moreover
- d) consequently

Answer: b) however

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Q26. Analogy:

SYCOPHANT : FLATTERY ::

- a) philanthropist : generosity
- b) critic : appreciation
- c) rebel : obedience
- d) tyrant : mercy

Answer: a) philanthropist : generosity

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Q27. Odd one out:

- a) candor
  - b) probity
  - c) duplicity
  - d) integrity
- Answer: c) duplicity
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Q28. Synonym:

Choose the synonym of *antediluvian*:

- a) modern
- b) archaic
- c) futuristic
- d) innovative

Answer: b) archaic

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Q29. Antonym:

Choose the opposite of *equanimity*:

- a) composure
  - b) tranquility
  - c) agitation
  - d) serenity
- Answer: c) agitation

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Q30. Cloze Test:

Despite his reputation for \_\_\_\_\_, the politician's sudden generosity surprised everyone.

- a) magnanimity
- b) parsimony
- c) altruism
- d) benevolence

Answer: b) parsimony

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Q31. Passage (100–150 words):

*In scientific discourse, skepticism serves as a vital safeguard against dogma. However, when skepticism morphs into cynicism, it corrodes the very foundations of inquiry. A skeptic questions in pursuit of truth; a cynic dismisses truth as unattainable. This subtle but profound distinction delineates the progress of knowledge from its stagnation.*

Q: According to the passage, the difference between a skeptic and a cynic lies in:

- a) Their degree of knowledge
- b) Their pursuit of truth
- c) Their rejection of science
- d) Their reliance on faith

Answer: b) Their pursuit of truth

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Q32. Word Knowledge:

Which word means *excessive talkativeness, especially on trivial matters*?

- a) taciturnity
- b) reticence
- c) loquacity
- d) brevity

Answer: c) loquacity

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Q33. Spot the error:

“Neither of the two sisters are willing to take responsibility.”

- a) Neither
- b) sisters
- c) are willing
- d) responsibility

Answer: c) are willing (should be *is willing*)

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Q34. Idiom:

“To tilt at windmills” means:

- a) To chase illusory enemies
- b) To fight bravely
- c) To surrender easily
- d) To challenge authority successfully

Answer: a) To chase illusory enemies

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Q35. Analogy:

SOPORIFIC : ALERTNESS ::

- a) stimulant : drowsiness
- b) humor : laughter
- c) pain : agony
- d) silence : peace

Answer: a) stimulant : drowsiness