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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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The minister's statement was riddled with _____, leaving analysts debating whether he was promising reform or evading responsibility.

- a) clarity
- b) equivocation
- c) transparency
- d) certainty

Answer: b) equivocation

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Choose the word that best completes the analogy:

Ephemeral : Permanent :: Capricious : ?

- a) whimsical
- b) stable
- c) volatile
- d) erratic

Answer: b) stable

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The committee's decision to conceal the data amounted to a clear case of collusion between bureaucrats and private contractors. Which part has the error?

- a) committee's decision
- b) conceal the data
- c) amounted to
- d) collusion between bureaucrats and private contractors

Answer: No error

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She delivered her arguments so _____ that even seasoned debaters conceded her mastery of the subject.

- a) languidly
- b) briskly
- c) sluggishly
- d) passively

Answer: b) briskly

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Odd one out:

- a) Exodus
- b) Diaspora
- c) Migration
- d) Sedentary

Answer: d) Sedentary

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Choose the correct idiom:

When the new CEO joined, he decided to "separate the wheat from the chaff." This means:

- a) increase efficiency by reducing workforce
- b) distinguish valuable from worthless elements

- c) abandon agricultural analogies in business
- d) blend the good and bad for inclusivity

Answer: b) distinguish valuable from worthless elements

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Synonym of “stowable” (in the context of portable or compact):

- a) cumbersome
- b) collapsible
- c) bulky
- d) unwieldy

Answer: b) collapsible

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Antonym of “oracle” (figurative sense: a source of wisdom):

- a) sage
- b) ignoramus
- c) mentor
- d) guide

Answer: b) ignoramus

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The research paper was rejected because it failed to _____ existing scholarship and instead repeated long-debunked claims.

- a) align with
- b) engage with
- c) contend with
- d) ignore

Answer: b) engage with

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Cloze Test:

Despite being hailed as a genius, the scientist's _____ theories often invited skepticism, as they defied both convention and empirical evidence.

- a) orthodox
- b) maverick
- c) derivative
- d) redundant

Answer: b) maverick

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Phrase Connector:

He spoke at length about climate change, _____ the audience remained skeptical about his commitment.

- a) although
- b) so that
- c) provided that
- d) whenever

Answer: a) although

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Word Knowledge:

Which of the following words does NOT carry a negative connotation?

- a) obfuscation
- b) perspicacity
- c) duplicity
- d) mendacity

Answer: b) perspicacity

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Spot the Error:

The philosopher, along with his disciples, have been invited to the colloquium.

- a) philosopher
- b) along with his disciples
- c) have been invited
- d) to the colloquium

Answer: c) have been invited (should be *has been invited*)

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Filler:

In the digital age, attention is the most _____ commodity—scarce, coveted, and often exploited.

- a) abundant
- b) fungible
- c) volatile
- d) trivial

Answer: c) volatile

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Analogy:

Collusion : Conspiracy :: Integrity : ?

- a) honesty
- b) duplicity
- c) fraud
- d) corruption

Answer: a) honesty

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Passage (Read carefully):

In recent years, scholars have debated whether globalization represents a new form of cultural imperialism or a mutual exchange of values. On one hand, dominant economies export their entertainment, technologies, and political ideals, shaping aspirations worldwide. On the other hand, diasporic communities and local adaptations reshape these imports, creating hybrid cultures. The challenge lies in distinguishing between homogenization that erases uniqueness

and synthesis that fosters innovation. Thus, globalization is neither unidirectional nor neutral; it is a contested terrain where power, identity, and creativity intersect.

Question: What is the central argument of the passage?

- a) Globalization is primarily about cultural imperialism.
- b) Globalization is a contested process with both homogenizing and hybridizing effects.
- c) Globalization has minimal impact on identity.
- d) Globalization is neutral and benefits everyone equally.

Answer: b) Globalization is a contested process with both homogenizing and hybridizing effects.

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Idiom: To “throw cold water on” someone’s plan means:

- a) to discourage or dampen enthusiasm
- b) to provide refreshing perspective
- c) to celebrate success
- d) to extinguish conflict

Answer: a) to discourage or dampen enthusiasm

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The diplomat’s speech was criticized for being overly _____, offering polished words but little substantive commitment.

- a) candid
- b) rhetorical
- c) pragmatic
- d) concise

Answer: b) rhetorical

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Odd one out:

- a) Perfunctory
- b) Superficial
- c) Thorough
- d) Cursory

Answer: c) Thorough

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Analogy:

Enigma : Mystery :: Panacea : ?

- a) cure-all
- b) disease
- c) ailment
- d) placebo

Answer: a) cure-all

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Filler:

The investigative journalist exposed the _____ between corporate lobbies and legislators, shaking public faith in governance.

- a) transparency
- b) collusion
- c) neutrality
- d) autonomy

Answer: b) collusion

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Spot the Error:

Each of the students are expected to submit their thesis before the deadline.

- a) Each of the students
- b) are expected
- c) to submit their thesis
- d) before the deadline

Answer: b) are expected (should be *is expected*)

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Phrase Starter:

_____ the evidence was circumstantial, the jury found the defendant guilty.

- a) Even though
- b) Provided
- c) Insofar as
- d) Unless

Answer: a) Even though

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Word Knowledge:

Which term best describes an expert's authoritative yet often cryptic pronouncement?

- a) Oracle
- b) Guess
- c) Conjecture
- d) Speculation

Answer: a) Oracle

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Antonym of "brisk" (as in lively or energetic):

- a) sluggish
- b) agile
- c) prompt
- d) rapid

Answer: a) sluggish

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Synonym of "diaspora":

- a) dispersion
- b) concentration
- c) isolation
- d) congregation

Answer: a) dispersion

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The lawyer tried to _____ the witness into admitting contradictions, but the strategy backfired.

- a) cajole
- b) intimidate
- c) exonerate
- d) mitigate

Answer: b) intimidate

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Odd one out:

- a) clandestine
- b) covert
- c) overt
- d) surreptitious

Answer: c) overt

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The startup designed a _____ device that could fold into a pocket yet expand into a full-sized screen.

- a) stowable
- b) immovable
- c) stationary
- d) rigid

Answer: a) stowable

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Cloze Test:

The historian argued that revolutions rarely occur in a vacuum; they are the _____ of decades of accumulated grievances.

- a) culmination
- b) abdication
- c) eradication
- d) inception

Answer: a) culmination

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Synonym of "collusion":

- a) conspiracy
- b) transparency
- c) forthrightness
- d) candor

Answer: a) conspiracy

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Phrase Connector:

The project failed, _____ the initial enthusiasm and heavy investment.

- a) because of
- b) despite
- c) owing to
- d) in order to

Answer: b) despite

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Filler:

The professor's lecture was so _____ with allusions to obscure texts that only a handful of students followed him.

- a) lucid
- b) replete
- c) vacuous
- d) simplistic

Answer: b) replete

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Analogy:

Stowable : Portable :: Durable : ?

- a) fragile
- b) enduring
- c) fleeting
- d) temporary

Answer: b) enduring

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Spot the Error:

Neither the employees nor the manager have agreed to the new terms.

- a) Neither the employees
- b) nor the manager
- c) have agreed
- d) to the new terms

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