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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

The professor's speech was so _____ that even the most attentive students struggled to stay focused.

- a) lucid
- b) soporific
- c) trenchant
- d) fervent

Answer: b) soporific

2. Cloze Test

The CEO's decision to resign was met with widespread shock, as she had been regarded as the _____ of the company's success.

- a) linchpin
- b) detractor
- c) anomaly
- d) usurper

Answer: a) linchpin

3. Word Knowledge

Which of the following best defines *abrogate*?

- a) To formally repeal or do away with
 - b) To misinterpret intentionally
 - c) To strengthen over time
 - d) To distribute fairly
- Answer: a) To formally repeal or do away with
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4. Spot the Error

Choose the part of the sentence that contains an error:

Despite of repeated warnings, the climbers ventured into the avalanche-prone area.

- a) Despite of
- b) repeated warnings
- c) ventured into
- d) avalanche-prone area

Answer: a) Despite of

5. Idioms and Phrases

“To burn the midnight oil” means:

- a) To waste time unnecessarily
 - b) To work late into the night
 - c) To quit a task halfway
 - d) To spend money recklessly
- Answer: b) To work late into the night
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6. Analogy

QUIXOTIC : PRACTICAL ::

- a) loquacious : talkative
- b) parsimonious : frugal
- c) ephemeral : lasting
- d) voracious : hungry

Answer: c) ephemeral : lasting

7. Odd one out

- a) ephemeral
- b) transient

- c) perennial
 - d) evanescent
- Answer: c) perennial

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8. Synonym
- Choose the word closest in meaning to *obdurate*:
- a) pliable
 - b) stubborn
 - c) uncertain
 - d) cautious
- Answer: b) stubborn

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9. Antonym
- Choose the word opposite in meaning to *magnanimous*:
- a) generous
 - b) selfish
 - c) kind
 - d) forgiving
- Answer: b) selfish

10. Passage (Read the passage and answer)

In the realm of technology, rapid innovation has often outpaced regulation. While such advancements can usher in economic growth, they can also produce ethical dilemmas and unintended consequences. For instance, artificial intelligence is revolutionizing healthcare and education, but its unchecked use can exacerbate inequalities, infringe on privacy, and create dependencies that undermine human agency. Policymakers face the daunting task of striking a balance between fostering innovation and safeguarding societal values.

Which of the following best captures the author's tone?

- a) Optimistic yet cautious
 - b) Unreservedly enthusiastic
 - c) Skeptical and dismissive
 - d) Indifferent and neutral
- Answer: a) Optimistic yet cautious

11. Filler

Her argument was so _____ that it dismantled years of flawed reasoning in a matter of minutes.

- a) specious
- b) cogent
- c) tenuous
- d) equivocal

Answer: b) cogent

12. Cloze Test

The scientist's findings were dismissed as _____ until further research confirmed their validity.

- a) heretical
- b) orthodox
- c) banal
- d) redundant

Answer: a) heretical

13. Word Knowledge

Which of the following best defines *taciturn*?

- a) Very talkative
- b) Reserved in speech
- c) Overly dramatic
- d) Lacking confidence

Answer: b) Reserved in speech

14. Spot the Error

Choose the part with an error:

Neither the committee members nor the chairman have arrived yet.

- a) Neither the committee members
- b) nor the chairman
- c) have arrived
- d) yet

Answer: c) have arrived

15. Idioms and Phrases

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To accept defeat gracefully
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To retreat from a conflict
- d) To negotiate peacefully

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

16. Analogy

LUMINOUS : DARKNESS ::

- a) fragrant : odorless
- b) salty : bitter
- c) verbose : concise
- d) solid : porous

Answer: a) fragrant : odorless

17. Odd one out

- a) parsimonious
- b) frugal
- c) lavish
- d) thrifty

Answer: c) lavish

18. Synonym

Choose the synonym for *pulchritude*:

- a) beauty
- b) ugliness
- c) simplicity
- d) elegance

Answer: a) beauty

19. Antonym

Choose the antonym for *esoteric*:

- a) cryptic
- b) obscure
- c) common
- d) recondite

Answer: c) common

20. Passage

The rise of fast fashion has democratized clothing access, enabling consumers to follow trends at a fraction of traditional costs. However, this phenomenon comes at a steep environmental price: massive textile waste, increased carbon emissions, and exploitation in labor markets. The challenge lies in fostering consumer awareness and industry accountability while still maintaining accessibility.

What is the main concern expressed in the passage?

- a) The exclusivity of high-end fashion
- b) The environmental and ethical costs of fast fashion
- c) The benefits of clothing accessibility
- d) The history of textile production

Answer: b) The environmental and ethical costs of fast fashion

21. Filler

The detective was praised for his _____ observation skills, which helped solve the case.

- a) astute
- b) myopic
- c) fallacious
- d) negligent

Answer: a) astute

22. Cloze Test

The jury's decision was a _____ moment in the case, altering its trajectory entirely.

- a) banal
 - b) pivotal
 - c) redundant
 - d) incidental
- Answer: b) pivotal
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23. Word Knowledge

Which of the following best defines *pellucid*?

- a) Easily understood
 - b) Dull and uninspired
 - c) Harsh in tone
 - d) Complex and obscure
- Answer: a) Easily understood
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24. Spot the Error

Choose the part with an error:

The number of applicants have doubled since last year.

- a) The number
 - b) of applicants
 - c) have doubled
 - d) since last year
- Answer: c) have doubled
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25. Idioms and Phrases

"To gild the lily" means:

- a) To add unnecessary ornamentation to something already beautiful
 - b) To make something look less attractive
 - c) To work tirelessly for perfection
 - d) To hide flaws with clever design
- Answer: a) To add unnecessary ornamentation to something already beautiful
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26. Analogy

CACOPHONY : SOUND ::

- a) chaos : order

- b) glare : light
 - c) drought : rain
 - d) fragrance : odor
- Answer: b) glare : light
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27. Odd one out

- a) enervate
- b) invigorate
- c) exhaust
- d) weaken

Answer: b) invigorate

28. Synonym

Choose the synonym for *redolent*:

- a) fragrant
- b) bland
- c) stale
- d) odorless

Answer: a) fragrant

29. Antonym

Choose the antonym for *obfuscate*:

- a) clarify
- b) complicate
- c) distort
- d) obscure

Answer: a) clarify

30. Passage

The concept of “planned obsolescence” in manufacturing refers to designing products with an artificially limited useful life, prompting consumers to replace them sooner. While this approach boosts sales, it has drawn criticism for its

environmental impact and ethical implications, especially in the age of sustainable development goals.

Which of the following best describes “planned obsolescence”?

- a) Extending a product’s lifespan to avoid waste
- b) Intentionally shortening a product’s usability to drive consumption
- c) Designing products for durability and repairability
- d) Making products aesthetically outdated without changing function

Answer: b) Intentionally shortening a product’s usability to drive consumption

31. Filler

The politician’s _____ remarks alienated even his most loyal supporters.

- a) conciliatory
- b) vitriolic
- c) diplomatic
- d) tactful

Answer: b) vitriolic

32. Cloze Test

The art critic’s review was so _____ that it left the young painter in tears.

- a) caustic
- b) laudatory
- c) apathetic
- d) indifferent

Answer: a) caustic

33. Word Knowledge

Which of the following best defines *recalcitrant*?

- a) Stubbornly resistant to authority
- b) Eager to please
- c) Indifferent to rules
- d) Highly adaptable

Answer: a) Stubbornly resistant to authority

34. Phrase Starters & Connectors

Select the most logical continuation:

“Although the proposal had several flaws, _____.”

- a) it was unanimously accepted due to its innovative approach
- b) the committee rejected it without reviewing
- c) it failed to capture the interest of the audience
- d) its budgetary requirements were within limits

Answer: a) it was unanimously accepted due to its innovative approach

35. Antonym

Choose the antonym for *assiduous*:

- a) diligent
- b) negligent
- c) meticulous
- d) careful

Answer: b) negligent