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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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#### 1. (Fill in the Blank)

The professor's argument was so \_\_\_\_\_ that even his critics struggled to dismantle it.

- a) tenuous
- b) cogent
- c) frivolous
- d) vacuous

Answer: b) cogent

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#### 2. (Synonym)

Choose the word most similar to abstruse.

- a) obscure
- b) transparent
- c) obvious
- d) luminous

Answer: a) obscure

#### 3. (Antonym)

Pick the opposite of laconic.

- a) verbose

- b) taciturn
- c) reserved
- d) concise

Answer: a) verbose

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#### 4. (Spot the Error)

Identify the part of the sentence with an error:

“Neither the CEO nor the board were willing to concede defeat.”

- a) Neither the CEO
- b) nor the board
- c) were willing
- d) to concede defeat

Answer: c) were willing → should be *was willing*

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#### 5. (Analogy)

Hermit : Solitude :: Epicure : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Hunger
- b) Luxury
- c) Pleasure
- d) Food

Answer: d) Food

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#### 6. (Fill in the Blank)

Despite his reputation for brilliance, the paper was dismissed as a mere \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) magnum opus
- b) panegyric
- c) pastiche
- d) treatise

Answer: c) pastiche

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## 7. (Synonym)

Select the synonym of quixotic.

- a) realistic
- b) impractical
- c) pragmatic
- d) cynical

Answer: b) impractical

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## 8. (Odd One Out)

Which word does NOT belong?

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

Answer: c) perennial

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## 9. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To surrender
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To waste resources
- d) To betray trust

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

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## 10. (Word Knowledge)

A person who studies insects is known as:

- a) Entomologist
- b) Etymologist
- c) Ornithologist
- d) Epidemiologist

Answer: a) Entomologist

### 11. (Phrase Starter)

Choose the correct continuation:

“Had the negotiations failed, \_\_\_\_\_.”

- a) the contract would be signed.
- b) the company would have collapsed.
- c) the deal succeeds anyway.
- d) no losses incurred.

Answer: b) the company would have collapsed.

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### 12. (Cloze Test – Passage 1)

Fill the blanks:

The philosopher’s theory was initially (1), but later became (2) as evidence mounted.

- 1. a) derided b) acclaimed c) exalted d) revered
- 2. a) repudiated b) vindicated c) invalidated d) annulled

Answer: 1. a) derided; 2. b) vindicated

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### 13. (Analogy)

Lexicon : Words :: Atlas : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Geography
- b) Planets
- c) Maps
- d) Navigation

Answer: c) Maps

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### 14. (Synonym)

Choose the closest synonym of perspicacious.

- a) Gullible
- b) Shrewd

- c) Indifferent
- d) Ignorant

Answer: b) Shrewd

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### 15. (Antonym)

Opposite of magnanimous is:

- a) Generous
- b) Vindictive
- c) Noble
- d) Altruistic

Answer: b) Vindictive

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### 16. (Spot the Error)

“One of the main reasons for his success were his discipline and determination.”

- a) One of the main reasons
- b) for his success
- c) were his discipline
- d) and determination

Answer: c) were his discipline → should be *was his discipline*

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### 17. (Fill in the Blank)

The dictator ruled with absolute \_\_\_\_\_, suppressing any form of dissent.

- a) anarchy
- b) hegemony
- c) despotism
- d) oligarchy

Answer: c) despotism

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### 18. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

- a) To solve a problem by forceful means
- b) To avoid a challenge
- c) To create confusion
- d) To tie loose ends

Answer: a) To solve a problem by forceful means

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### 19. (Word Knowledge)

Which word refers to an official order or proclamation?

- a) Edict
- b) Eulogy
- c) Epiphany
- d) Elegy

Answer: a) Edict

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### 20. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of pulchritude.

- a) Ugliness
- b) Beauty
- c) Stupidity
- d) Wit

Answer: b) Beauty

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### 21. (Odd One Out)

- a) Ambivalent
- b) Equivocal
- c) Resolute
- d) Uncertain

Answer: c) Resolute

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## 22. (Phrase Starter)

“Were it not for his timely intervention, \_\_\_\_\_.”

- a) disaster would have been averted.
- b) the crisis might have escalated.
- c) everything went smoothly.
- d) no help was needed.

Answer: b) the crisis might have escalated.

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## 23. (Antonym)

Opposite of abrogate:

- a) Nullify
- b) Establish
- c) Revoke
- d) Abandon

Answer: b) Establish

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## 24. (Fill in the Blank)

His writing style was so \_\_\_\_\_ that readers struggled to grasp the main idea.

- a) lucid
- b) obscure
- c) pellucid
- d) transparent

Answer: b) obscure

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## 25. (Synonym)

Closest synonym of loquacious is:

- a) Silent
- b) Talkative
- c) Reticent
- d) Reserved

Answer: b) Talkative

## 26. (Spot the Error)

“Hardly had the lecture began when the fire alarm went off.”

- a) Hardly
- b) had the lecture
- c) began
- d) when the fire alarm

Answer: c) began → should be *begun*

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## 27. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To play devil’s advocate” means:

- a) To oppose without reason
- b) To argue for the sake of exploring different perspectives
- c) To create mischief deliberately
- d) To defend immoral actions

Answer: b) To argue for the sake of exploring different perspectives

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## 28. (Analogy)

Pacifist : War :: Ascetic : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Luxury
- b) Simplicity
- c) Poverty
- d) Silence

Answer: a) Luxury

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## 29. (Cloze Test – Passage 2)

Fill the blanks:

The scientist’s discovery was initially met with (1), but soon gained (2) as its applications became clear.

1. a) skepticism b) reverence c) acclaim d) admiration



2. a) notoriety b) credibility c) disdain d) repudiation

Answer: 1. a) skepticism; 2. b) credibility

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### 30. (Word Knowledge)

A speech of praise, typically at a funeral, is called:

- a) Elegy
- b) Eulogy
- c) Epigram
- d) Epistle

Answer: b) Eulogy

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### 31. (Antonym)

Opposite of esoteric:

- a) Commonplace
- b) Mysterious
- c) Cryptic
- d) Obscure

Answer: a) Commonplace

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### 32. (Fill in the Blank)

The committee reached an \_\_\_\_\_ decision, supported by all members.

- a) unanimous
- b) divided
- c) contentious
- d) partial

Answer: a) unanimous

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### 33. (Odd One Out)

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

Answer: b) Skeptical

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### 34. (Spot the Error)

“Scarcely had he finished the book when the lights has gone out.”

- a) Scarcely
- b) had he finished
- c) the book
- d) when the lights has gone out

Answer: d) when the lights has gone out → should be *had gone out*

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### 35. (Passage – 150 words)

Passage:

In times of crisis, societies often look to their intellectuals and leaders for clarity. Yet history shows that the so-called “experts” can be as fallible as the layperson. Overconfidence in authority sometimes leads to disastrous outcomes, as seen in economic collapses and failed military interventions. True wisdom lies not in blind adherence to credentials, but in the capacity to question, to scrutinize, and to demand evidence. Critical thinking is the antidote to dogma.

Q: Which of the following best captures the central theme of the passage?

- a) Experts should never be trusted.
- b) Societal crises reveal the futility of education.
- c) Blind trust in authority is dangerous; critical thinking is essential.
- d) Laypersons are always wiser than leaders.

Answer: c) Blind trust in authority is dangerous; critical thinking is essential.