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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:

His arguments, though \_\_\_\_\_ in tone, lacked substantive evidence to support the claim.

- a) mellifluous
- b) voluble
- c) terse
- d) laconic

Answer: b) voluble

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2. Cloze Test:

The diplomat's speech was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ promises, designed more to soothe the audience than to reveal concrete plans.

- a) ostensible
- b) vernal
- c) fulminating
- d) inimitable

Answer: a) ostensible

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3. Word Knowledge:

Which of the following is closest in meaning to "scintilla"?

- a) Vastness

- b) Glimmer
- c) Ignorance
- d) Paroxysm

Answer: b) Glimmer

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4. Spot the error:

The committee was divided in their opinion, vacillating endlessly between two contradictory positions.

- a) committee was
- b) divided in their
- c) vacillating endlessly
- d) No error

Answer: b) divided in their → should be *divided in its*

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5. Idioms and Phrases:

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To refuse to fight
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To admit defeat
- d) To suppress anger

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

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6. Fill in the blank:

Her \_\_\_\_\_ nature in the meeting made it difficult for others to take her concerns seriously.

- a) cavalier
- b) steadfast
- c) venerated
- d) guttural

Answer: a) cavalier

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7. Analogy:

Epilogue : Novel :: Coda : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Play

- b) Symphony
- c) Biography
- d) Poem

Answer: b) Symphony

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8. Odd one out:

- a) Gourmand
- b) Glutton
- c) Ascetic
- d) Epicure

Answer: c) Ascetic

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9. Synonym:

Choose the word nearest in meaning to "encroach":

- a) Invade
- b) Withdraw
- c) Relinquish
- d) Preserve

Answer: a) Invade

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10. Antonym:

Choose the opposite of "facetious":

- a) Sarcastic
- b) Grave
- c) Ironic
- d) Cynical

Answer: b) Grave

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11. Cloze Test:

The professor's lecture was full of \_\_\_\_\_, making it more ornamental than insightful.

- a) grandiloquence
- b) steadfastness
- c) probity
- d) veracity

Answer: a) grandiloquence

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12. Spot the error:

Each of the panelists were asked to give their opinion on the matter.

- a) Each of
- b) were asked
- c) to give their
- d) No error

Answer: b) were asked → should be *was asked*

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13. Idioms and Phrases:

“To hold something at bay” means:

- a) To delay it
- b) To eliminate it
- c) To intensify it
- d) To dismiss it entirely

Answer: a) To delay it

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14. Fill in the blank:

The politician’s \_\_\_\_\_ remarks only served to fester the anger of the crowd.

- a) conciliatory
- b) fulminating
- c) vernal
- d) steadfast

Answer: b) fulminating

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15. Word Knowledge:

The word “resurrection” does NOT mean:

- a) Revival
- b) Rebirth
- c) Extinction
- d) Restoration

Answer: c) Extinction

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16. Analogy:

Probe : Investigate :: Dart : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Hesitate
- b) Sprint
- c) Delay
- d) Slumber

Answer: b) Sprint

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17. Odd one out:

- a) Testimonial
- b) Eulogy
- c) Paroxysm
- d) Tribute

Answer: c) Paroxysm

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18. Synonym:

Spurn is closest in meaning to:

- a) Accept
- b) Reject
- c) Pursue
- d) Embrace

Answer: b) Reject

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19. Antonym:

The opposite of "steadfast" is:

- a) Resolute
- b) Unwavering
- c) Fickle
- d) Loyal

Answer: c) Fickle

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20. Cloze Test:

Despite his \_\_\_\_\_ mood, he tried to maintain composure in front of his colleagues.

- a) disgruntled
- b) vernal
- c) cavalier
- d) steadfast

Answer: a) disgruntled

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21. Phrase Starter & Connector:

Choose the best continuation:

“Although he claimed the deal was transparent, ...”

- a) it turned out to be riddled with ostensible loopholes.
- b) the committee welcomed it wholeheartedly.
- c) the public applauded his honesty.
- d) he was celebrated for his clarity.

Answer: a) it turned out to be riddled with ostensible loopholes.

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22. Cloze Test:

Her \_\_\_\_\_ criticism of the policy galvanized the youth to demand change.

- a) apathetic
- b) incisive
- c) lethargic
- d) cavalier

Answer: b) incisive

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23. Word Knowledge:

Which of the following is Apotropaic?

- a) A charm against evil
- b) A book of poems
- c) A soothing medicine
- d) A mathematical symbol

Answer: a) A charm against evil

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24. Fill in the blank:

The monk lived on simple \_\_\_\_\_, refusing luxury of any kind.

- a) pastiche
- b) victuals
- c) epitaph
- d) sword

Answer: b) victuals

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25. Antonym:

Venerate is opposite to:

- a) Honor
- b) Revere
- c) Scorn
- d) Admire

Answer: c) Scorn

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26. Cloze Test:

He was struck by a sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of rage when he heard the insult.

- a) paroxysm
- b) scintilla
- c) sword
- d) ambigram

Answer: a) paroxysm

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27. Spot the error:

Neither the manager nor the employees was willing to compromise.

- a) Neither the manager
- b) nor the employees
- c) was willing
- d) No error

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

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28. Analogy:

Slough : Shed :: Eddy : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Flow
- b) Whirlpool
- c) Storm
- d) Drift

Answer: b) Whirlpool

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29. Odd one out:

- a) Qualm
- b) Doubt
- c) Certainty
- d) Misgiving

Answer: c) Certainty

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30. Synonym:

Choose the closest in meaning to “inimitable”:

- a) Ordinary
- b) Unique
- c) Replaceable
- d) Facetious

Answer: b) Unique

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31. Cloze Test:

The CEO's decision was guided more by \_\_\_\_\_ than by reason, leaving the board puzzled.

- a) qualms
- b) caprice
- c) steadfastness
- d) probity

Answer: b) caprice

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32. Word Knowledge:

A composition made of borrowed styles or imitations is called:

- a) Testimonial
- b) Pastiche



- c) Epilogue
- d) Ode

Answer: b) Pastiche

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33. Idioms and Phrases:

"To upset the apple cart" means:

- a) To disturb a plan or arrangement
- b) To act generously
- c) To stay silent
- d) To gain advantage unfairly

Answer: a) To disturb a plan or arrangement

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34. Antonym:

Choose the opposite of "fulminate":

- a) Rail
- b) Laud
- c) Condemn
- d) Protest

Answer: b) Laud

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35. Cloze Test (Passage, ~120 words):

Passage:

The historian argued that civilizations often crumble not from external invasions but from internal corrosion. Corruption, complacency, and the gradual erosion of values create a fertile ground where decline festers. Leaders who spurn accountability pave the way for unrest, while citizens trapped in economic straits lose faith in institutions. In such times, even a scintilla of hope can galvanize people, yet without steadfast guidance, this energy dissipates.

Q: What does the author imply about civilizations in decline?

- a) They are mainly destroyed by external factors.
- b) Their collapse is usually self-inflicted.
- c) Hope alone is enough to save them.
- d) Leadership has no role in their downfall.

Answer: b) Their collapse is usually self-inflicted.