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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.

His speeches often meandered through various themes, ultimately lacking a _____ point.

- A) cogent
 - B) desultory
 - C) trenchant
 - D) poignant
- Answer: A) cogent
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2.

Which word is the closest antonym of *abate*?

- A) intensify
 - B) obscure
 - C) neglect
 - D) delay
- Answer: A) intensify
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3.

The philosopher's arguments were too _____ to be understood without deep study of his works.

- A) arcane
- B) lucid
- C) redundant
- D) trivial

Answer: A) arcane

4.

Which word is the odd one out?

- A) ephemeral
 - B) transitory
 - C) perennial
 - D) fleeting
- Answer: C) perennial
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5.

His behavior was the very antithesis of the word "docile." What does this imply?

- A) He was quiet and obedient
 - B) He was stubborn and defiant
 - C) He was careful and calculating
 - D) He was indifferent and bored
- Answer: B) He was stubborn and defiant
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6.

Select the word that best fits:

The _____ speaker captivated the audience for hours without a single note.

- A) glib
 - B) eloquent
 - C) taciturn
 - D) verbose
- Answer: B) eloquent
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7.

Which term means *a bitter, sharply abusive denunciation*?

- A) Diatribe
- B) Soliloquy
- C) Anecdote
- D) Sonnet

Answer: A) Diatribe

8.

Anachronism is best exemplified by which situation?

- A) A futuristic robot teaching Latin
 - B) A 16th-century monk using a smartphone
 - C) A knight fighting in a VR video game
 - D) A historian giving a lecture on the 1800s
- Answer: B) A 16th-century monk using a smartphone
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9.

Which word pair represents the same root?

- A) Visionary – Provide
- B) Consistent – Resist
- C) Spectacle – Introspect
- D) Mobile – Module

Answer: C) Spectacle – Introspect

10.

Which word is the best synonym for *nonplussed* in the sentence below?

She was nonplussed by the sudden turn of events.

- A) thrilled
- B) stunned
- C) encouraged
- D) liberated

Answer: B) stunned

11.

A *laconic* reply is most likely:

- A) filled with emotion
- B) short and terse
- C) hard to understand
- D) politically charged

Answer: B) short and terse

12.

The scientist was known for his _____ reasoning, which often confused even experts.

- A) convoluted
- B) spartan
- C) visceral
- D) serendipitous

Answer: A) convoluted

13.

Which word is closest in tone to *sardonic*?

- A) sympathetic
- B) ironic
- C) nostalgic
- D) evasive

Answer: B) ironic

14.

Choose the best sentence using the word *imbroglio*:

- A) She resolved the imbroglio with a handwritten apology.
- B) The imbroglio of the stars made the night beautiful.
- C) He gifted her an imbroglio as a token of love.
- D) The imbroglio meant he could graduate early.

Answer: A) She resolved the imbroglio with a handwritten apology.

15.

Which word refers to *the belief that life is meaningless*?

- A) Hedonism
- B) Cynicism
- C) Stoicism
- D) Nihilism

Answer: D) Nihilism

16.

A "bulwark" is best described as:

- A) An emotional outburst
- B) A protective barrier
- C) A verbal insult
- D) A fragile decoration

Answer: B) A protective barrier

17.

Which is least likely to be described as *transcendent*?

- A) A revolutionary theory
- B) A deeply spiritual experience
- C) A traffic report
- D) A timeless work of art

Answer: C) A traffic report

18.

Which word does not fit the group?

- A) Ostentatious
- B) Modest
- C) Grandiose
- D) Pretentious

Answer: B) Modest

19.

What is the tone of the word *pedantic*?

- A) Playful
- B) Informative
- C) Condescending
- D) Friendly

Answer: C) Condescending

20.

Which best reflects the term *Zeitgeist*?

- A) The classical traditions of ancient Greece
- B) The current spirit of environmental awareness
- C) A personal daydream
- D) An outdated law still in effect

Answer: B) The current spirit of environmental awareness

21.

Which of the following best illustrates *obfuscation*?

- A) A bright light
- B) A long and complex legal contract
- C) A clear and concise instruction
- D) A summary of a novel

Answer: B) A long and complex legal contract

22.

Choose the analogy that fits:

Mercenary : Money :: Zealot : ?

- A) War
- B) Belief
- C) Fame
- D) Power

Answer: B) Belief

23.

Which best fits in a formal academic paper?

- A) Bummer
 - B) Fortuitous
 - C) Cool
 - D) Dorky
- Answer: B) Fortuitous
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24.

Which of the following is most similar to *taciturn*?

- A) Loquacious
 - B) Reticent
 - C) Vivacious
 - D) Gregarious
- Answer: B) Reticent
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25.

A *panacea* is:

- A) A political theory
 - B) A universal cure
 - C) A tragic error
 - D) A musical term
- Answer: B) A universal cure
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26.

In which situation would one be most likely to feel *trepidation*?

- A) Winning an award
 - B) Preparing to take a critical exam
 - C) Watching a comedy show
 - D) Reading a bedtime story
- Answer: B) Preparing to take a critical exam
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27.

Which best defines *ubiquitous*?

- A) Highly toxic
- B) Present everywhere
- C) Difficult to understand
- D) Historically famous

Answer: B) Present everywhere

28.

If someone is described as *austere*, which quality do they likely exhibit?

- A) Lavishness
- B) Playfulness
- C) Simplicity and strictness
- D) Dishonesty

Answer: C) Simplicity and strictness

29.

Which is the best usage of *esoteric*?

- A) The esoteric joke was appreciated by everyone.
- B) The esoteric ritual confused even experienced scholars.
- C) The esoteric balloon floated away.
- D) The esoteric road was blocked.

Answer: B) The esoteric ritual confused even experienced scholars.

30.

Select the correct sentence using *ameliorate*:

- A) We tried to ameliorate the tense atmosphere.
- B) We ameliorate through different countries.
- C) His speech ameliorates fashion.
- D) Ameliorate is the title of the movie.

Answer: A) We tried to ameliorate the tense atmosphere.

31.

Which phrase best fits *quixotic*?

- A) Realistic and careful
- B) Impractically idealistic
- C) Deeply analytical
- D) Aggressively manipulative

Answer: B) Impractically idealistic

32.

A *harangue* is:

- A) A silent protest
- B) A brief compliment
- C) A lengthy, aggressive speech
- D) A formal eulogy

Answer: C) A lengthy, aggressive speech

33.

Which of the following is most likely to be *effervescent*?

- A) A speech at a funeral
- B) A quiet monk
- C) A bubbly personality
- D) A serious mathematician

Answer: C) A bubbly personality

34.

To *exacerbate* a problem means to:

- A) Clarify it
- B) Solve it
- C) Worsen it
- D) Ignore it

Answer: C) Worsen it

35.

Which word has the most positive connotation?

- A) Detractor
- B) Luminary
- C) Martyr
- D) Conspirator

Answer: B) Luminary