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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 lecture was so _____ that even the most attentive students struggled to remain engaged.

- a) riveting
- b) soporific
- c) scintillating
- d) ebullient

Answer: b) soporific

2. Spot the Error

The committee has decided (A) / to postpone the event (B) / owing to incessant rains, (C) / isn't it? (D)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D

Answer: d) D (Tag should be "haven't they?")

3. Synonym

Choose the word most similar to *pellucid*.

- a) opaque
- b) transparent
- c) ambiguous
- d) turbid

Answer: b) transparent

4. Antonym

Choose the opposite of *parsimonious*.

- a) frugal
- b) extravagant
- c) stingy
- d) prudent

Answer: b) extravagant

5. Phrase Starter

Complete the sentence meaningfully:

"Had it not been for her _____, the project would have collapsed."

- a) lethargy
- b) perseverance
- c) apathy
- d) negligence

Answer: b) perseverance

6. Cloze Test (1/3)

The diplomat's speech was marked by _____ language, carefully avoiding direct criticism while still conveying disapproval.

- a) trenchant
- b) euphemistic
- c) vitriolic
- d) candid

Answer: b) euphemistic

7. Analogy

Ephemeral : Permanent :: Capricious : ?

- a) Mercurial
- b) Whimsical
- c) Fickle
- d) Steadfast

Answer: d) Steadfast

8. Idiom & Phrase

"To throw down the gauntlet" means—

- a) To accept defeat
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To withdraw support
- d) To retreat gracefully

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

9. Odd One Out

- a) Loquacious
- b) Garrulous
- c) Reticent
- d) Voluble

Answer: c) Reticent

10. Filler

The general's _____ demeanor earned him both admiration for his decisiveness and criticism for his lack of empathy.

- a) callous
- b) peremptory

- c) amiable
- d) compassionate

Answer: b) peremptory

11. Cloze Test (2/3)

The theory, though initially dismissed as _____, eventually revolutionized the field of neuroscience.

- a) untenable
- b) ludicrous
- c) groundbreaking
- d) obscure

Answer: c) groundbreaking

12. Spot the Error

No sooner had she entered the room (A) / when everyone stood up (B) / as a mark of respect (C) / for her contributions. (D)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D

Answer: b) B (should be "than" not "when")

13. Word Knowledge

Which word best describes "a person who renounces worldly possessions and practices severe self-discipline"?

- a) Hedonist
- b) Ascetic
- c) Epicurean
- d) Philistine

Answer: b) Ascetic

14. Antonym

Choose the opposite of *obfuscate*.

- a) bewilder
- b) confound
- c) elucidate
- d) mystify

Answer: c) elucidate

15. Phrase Connector

Complete: "She was tired; _____, she continued to work until midnight."

- a) therefore
- b) however
- c) although
- d) because

Answer: b) however

16. Analogy

Iconoclast : Tradition :: Maverick : ?

- a) Conformity
- b) Innovation
- c) Courage
- d) Authority

Answer: a) Conformity

17. Idiom

"To cut the Gordian knot" means—

- a) To solve a problem with a bold action
- b) To avoid responsibility
- c) To create confusion
- d) To delay intentionally

Answer: a) To solve a problem with a bold action

18. Synonym

Choose the word most similar to *trenchant*.

- a) blunt
- b) incisive
- c) vague
- d) superficial

Answer: b) incisive

19. Cloze Test (3/3)

Despite his _____ to public speaking, he delivered a confident and persuasive presentation.

- a) aversion
- b) inclination
- c) proclivity
- d) eagerness

Answer: a) aversion

20. Passage Comprehension (100 words)

Passage:

In contemporary discourse, the proliferation of misinformation poses a unique challenge to democracies. Unlike past eras, where gatekeeping institutions filtered information, today's digital age enables unverified content to spread rapidly. Citizens are left to discern truth from falsehood, often without adequate tools. This erosion of epistemic trust threatens not only informed decision-making but also the very fabric of civic engagement.

Q: What is the main concern expressed in the passage?

- a) Over-regulation of digital platforms
- b) Decline of civic participation due to misinformation
- c) Expansion of gatekeeping institutions
- d) Technological advancements in democracies

Answer: b) Decline of civic participation due to misinformation

21. Odd One Out

- a) Obdurate
- b) Intransigent
- c) Pliable
- d) Adamant

Answer: c) Pliable

22. Spot the Error

Each of the players (A) / have submitted their forms (B) / well before the deadline (C) / set by the authorities. (D)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D

Answer: b) B (should be "has")

23. Word Knowledge

What does *pulchritude* mean?

- a) Physical beauty
- b) Wickedness
- c) Decay
- d) Wisdom

Answer: a) Physical beauty

24. Synonym

Choose the closest meaning of *equanimity*.

- a) Anxiety
- b) Serenity
- c) Hesitation
- d) Agitation

Answer: b) Serenity

25. Idiom

"To read between the lines" means—

- a) To read quickly
- b) To infer hidden meaning
- c) To misunderstand
- d) To summarize briefly

Answer: b) To infer hidden meaning

26. Antonym

Choose the opposite of *munificent*.

- a) magnanimous
- b) generous
- c) stingy
- d) benevolent

Answer: c) stingy

27. Analogy

Hermit : Solitude :: Gourmand : ?

- a) Wealth
- b) Silence
- c) Food
- d) Books

Answer: c) Food

28. Phrase Connector

"Not only did she win the gold medal, _____."

- a) she broke the world record as well
- b) but also she break the record
- c) but she breaks the record
- d) she has break the record too

Answer: a) she broke the world record as well

29. Odd One Out

- a) Perspicacious
- b) Sagacious
- c) Myopic
- d) Astute

Answer: c) Myopic

30. Spot the Error

The data (A) / reveals that smoking is injurious (B) / to health more than (C) / what was earlier believed. (D)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D

Answer: c) C (should be "to health more than earlier believed")

31. Passage (120 words)

Passage:

The concept of "cultural capital," popularized by Pierre Bourdieu, refers to non-financial assets such as education, intellect, and style of speech that promote social mobility. Unlike economic capital, cultural capital is often transmitted through family upbringing and social networks. In modern societies, the subtle transmission of these traits reinforces class stratification, sometimes more powerfully than money itself.

Q: According to the passage, what differentiates cultural capital from economic capital?

- a) Cultural capital is more valuable than money
- b) Cultural capital cannot be transmitted
- c) Cultural capital involves non-financial assets and upbringing
- d) Cultural capital only refers to formal education

Answer: c) Cultural capital involves non-financial assets and upbringing

32. Synonym

Choose the closest meaning of *deleterious*.

- a) harmful
- b) beneficial
- c) trivial
- d) cautious

Answer: a) harmful

33. Antonym

Choose the opposite of *garrulous*.

- a) reticent
- b) verbose
- c) loquacious
- d) talkative

Answer: a) reticent

34. Idiom

"To bell the cat" means—

- a) To attempt a difficult task
- b) To create a diversion
- c) To hide from danger
- d) To enjoy success

Answer: a) To attempt a difficult task

35. Analogy

Philistine : Culture :: Iconophile : ?

- a) Money
- b) Art
- c) Power
- d) Politics

Answer: b) Art