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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.

The professor's explanation was so _____ that even advanced students struggled to follow the line of reasoning.

- a) lucid
- b) convoluted
- c) pellucid
- d) coherent

Answer: b) convoluted

2.

Fill in the blank:

Despite his public image of benevolence, his actions revealed a more _____ character.

- a) magnanimous
- b) nefarious
- c) altruistic
- d) empathetic

Answer: b) nefarious

3.

Which of the following sentences contains a grammatical error?

- a) Each of the committee members was present.
- b) Neither the players nor the coach were satisfied with the result.
- c) She, along with her colleagues, is attending the conference.
- d) The data suggest a different conclusion than initially assumed.

Answer: b) Neither the players nor the coach were → should be was

4.

Idiom: *To move the goalposts* means—

- a) To set higher standards of performance.
- b) To change rules unfairly during a process.
- c) To motivate someone persistently.
- d) To block someone from achieving success.

Answer: b) To change rules unfairly during a process

5.

Cloze Test:

The diplomat's remarks were carefully _____ to avoid causing offence while still conveying disapproval.

- a) calibrated
- b) exacerbated
- c) provoked
- d) undermined

Answer: a) calibrated

6.

Phrase Starter:

Not only did the new policy fail to address inequality, _____.

- a) but it also deepened existing social divisions.
- b) rather it promoted technological innovation.

- c) and instead a new era of prosperity began.
- d) but even so the public supported it unanimously.

Answer: a) but it also deepened existing social divisions.

7.

Analogy:

Oracle : Prophecy :: Cartographer : ?

- a) Medicine
- b) Map
- c) Soldier
- d) Chronicle

Answer: b) Map

8.

Odd one out:

- a) Pristine
- b) Untarnished
- c) Immaculate
- d) Sullied

Answer: d) Sullied

9.

Word Knowledge:

Choose the best synonym for *diffident*.

- a) Arrogant
- b) Timid
- c) Boastful
- d) Rash

Answer: b) Timid

10.

Word Knowledge:

Choose the best antonym for *profligate*.

- a) Extravagant
- b) Frugal
- c) Wasteful
- d) Luxuriant

Answer: b) Frugal

11.

Fill in the blank:

The scientist was accused of _____ with corporate lobbyists to manipulate trial data.

- a) collusion
- b) cohesion
- c) collision
- d) coalition

Answer: a) collusion

12.

Spot the Error:

- a) Each hypothesis need careful evaluation.
- b) The manager insisted on a more detailed report.
- c) Many of the arguments presented were weak.
- d) The students' performance improved significantly.

Answer: a) "need" → should be *needs*

13.

Idiom: *To burn the midnight oil* means—

- a) To waste resources unnecessarily.
- b) To work late into the night.
- c) To face criticism under pressure.
- d) To take revenge secretly.

Answer: b) To work late into the night

14.

Connector:

The government promised reforms; however, _____.

- a) citizens remained skeptical due to past failures.
- b) the economy suddenly witnessed a boom.
- c) it was celebrated unanimously across all groups.
- d) support from the opposition grew rapidly.

Answer: a) citizens remained skeptical due to past failures.

15.

Analogy:

Diaspora : Migration :: Erosion : ?

- a) Rock
- b) River
- c) Weathering
- d) Displacement

Answer: c) Weathering

16.

Fill in the blank:

His ideas were dismissed as _____ by mainstream scholars until later evidence proved them revolutionary.

- a) shoddy
- b) maverick
- c) banal
- d) orthodox

Answer: b) maverick

17.

Cloze Test:

Even after years of political _____, the region remained unstable and prone to violent protests.

- a) unrest
- b) stability
- c) prosperity
- d) harmony

Answer: a) unrest

18.

Word Knowledge:

Choose the correct meaning of *splurging*.

- a) Investing in low-risk assets
- b) Spending extravagantly
- c) Hoarding wealth secretly
- d) Negotiating aggressively

Answer: b) Spending extravagantly

19.

Odd one out:

- a) Integrity
- b) Honesty
- c) Duplicity
- d) Probity

Answer: c) Duplicity

20.

Phrase Starter:

Given that the evidence was circumstantial, _____.

- a) the jury convicted the accused unanimously.
- b) the case demanded further forensic analysis.

- c) the decision was swift and unquestioned.
- d) the witnesses refused to testify.

Answer: b) the case demanded further forensic analysis.

21.

Passage (100–150 words):

Despite the rapid technological progress of the last few decades, critics argue that innovation has often been misaligned with societal needs. Instead of solving fundamental problems such as poverty, inequality, or environmental degradation, a significant portion of research funding is directed toward consumer conveniences. For instance, billions are invested in developing new smartphone features while basic sanitation infrastructure in developing countries remains underfunded. Proponents, however, contend that market-driven innovation eventually benefits society as a whole, since wealth generated from luxury markets can trickle down into public goods. The debate raises a crucial question: should scientific inquiry primarily serve human necessity or consumer demand?

Question: What is the primary tension discussed in the passage?

- a) Poverty reduction vs. wealth accumulation
- b) Societal needs vs. consumer-driven innovation
- c) Environmental degradation vs. technology
- d) Luxury markets vs. sanitation

Answer: b) Societal needs vs. consumer-driven innovation

22.

Synonym for *ephemeral*:

- a) Eternal
- b) Transient
- c) Perpetual
- d) Immutable

Answer: b) Transient

23.

Antonym for *obstinate*:

- a) Stubborn
- b) Flexible
- c) Headstrong
- d) Inflexible

Answer: b) Flexible

24.

Fill in the blank:

The ceremony was _____ by unexpected protests outside the venue.

- a) marred
- b) adorned
- c) exalted
- d) elevated

Answer: a) marred

25.

Spot the Error:

- a) Much of the evidence have been discredited.
- b) Few of the arguments hold logical coherence.
- c) The investigation revealed new leads.
- d) Their assumptions were deeply flawed.

Answer: a) "have" → should be *has*

26.

Idiom: *To throw in the towel* means—

- a) To accept defeat
- b) To argue persistently
- c) To postpone a decision
- d) To celebrate prematurely

Answer: a) To accept defeat

27.

Connector:

Although his analysis was criticized for lack of clarity, _____.

- a) his predictions later turned out to be accurate.
- b) the audience dismissed it outright.
- c) his reputation declined irreparably.
- d) he chose never to publish again.

Answer: a) his predictions later turned out to be accurate.

28.

Analogy:

Contraption : Device :: Collusion : ?

- a) Conspiracy
- b) Cooperation
- c) Debate
- d) Legality

Answer: a) Conspiracy

29.

Odd one out:

- a) Candor
- b) Frankness
- c) Sincerity
- d) Guile

Answer: d) Guile

30.

Word Knowledge:

Select the best synonym for *laggard*.

- a) Innovator
- b) Straggler
- c) Pioneer
- d) Leader

Answer: b) Straggler

31.

Antonym for *briskly*:

- a) Swiftly
- b) Slowly
- c) Energetically
- d) Promptly

Answer: b) Slowly

32.

Fill in the blank:

The archaeologist discovered a _____ of artifacts spread across the desert landscape.

- a) swath
- b) swatch
- c) swarm
- d) slew

Answer: a) swath

33.

Spot the Error:

- a) Neither the testimony nor the documents were reliable.
- b) The pair of shoes are too expensive.
- c) A large amount of data has been processed.
- d) Politics is a complex subject.

Answer: b) "are" → should be *is*

34.

Synonym for *oracle*:

- a) Prophet
- b) Skeptic
- c) Historian
- d) Laggard

Answer: a) Prophet

35.

Idiom: *A thorn in the flesh* means—

- a) A persistent source of irritation
- b) An uninvited guest
- c) A dangerous enemy
- d) A hidden blessing

Answer: a) A persistent source of irritation