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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) lucid
- b) soporific
- c) pellucid
- d) cogent

Answer: b) soporific

2. (Word Knowledge)

Which of the following best defines *inimitable*?

- a) Easily copied
- b) Matchless
- c) Fragile
- d) Temporary

Answer: b) Matchless

3. (Spot the error)

Identify the part of the sentence with an error:

“Despite of his immense knowledge, the researcher failed to articulate his findings persuasively.”

- a) Despite of
- b) his immense knowledge
- c) the researcher failed
- d) to articulate his findings persuasively

Answer: a) Despite of

4. (Cloze Test)

The diplomat spoke with great _____, carefully avoiding words that could be seen as an affront to the host nation.

- a) indiscretion
- b) tact
- c) candor
- d) temerity

Answer: b) tact

5. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

Choose the best connector:

“He failed the examination repeatedly. _____, he never gave up trying.”

- a) Nevertheless
- b) Therefore
- c) Consequently
- d) Henceforth

Answer: a) Nevertheless

6. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Permanent :: Garrulous : ?

- a) Taciturn
- b) Verbose

- c) Loquacious
- d) Reticent

Answer: a) Taciturn

7. (Odd One Out)

- a) Perspicuous
- b) Lucid
- c) Obscure
- d) Transparent

Answer: c) Obscure

8. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *obdurate*:

- a) Stubborn
- b) Compassionate
- c) Lenient
- d) Flexible

Answer: a) Stubborn

9. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of *sagacious*:

- a) Wise
- b) Foolish
- c) Prudent
- d) Judicious

Answer: b) Foolish

10. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To throw in the towel” means:

- a) To challenge someone

- b) To give up
- c) To act aggressively
- d) To mislead others

Answer: b) To give up

11. (Filler)

The CEO's _____ remarks alienated the employees, who felt their contributions were being trivialized.

- a) caustic
- b) flattering
- c) reverent
- d) magnanimous

Answer: a) caustic

12. (Spot the error)

"Neither the students nor the teacher have been informed about the sudden inspection."

- a) Neither the students
- b) nor the teacher
- c) have been informed
- d) about the sudden inspection

Answer: c) have been informed (should be *has been informed*)

13. (Passage – 120 words)

Read and answer:

"In contemporary discourse, the idea of 'progress' has often been conflated with unrestrained consumption and technological expansion. While these dimensions undeniably shape society, they also engender ecological fragility and moral dissonance. Critics argue that true progress ought to be recalibrated—not merely as economic advancement, but as a conscious balance between material innovation and ethical responsibility. The danger lies in treating technological triumphs as synonymous with human flourishing, while sidelining the intangible virtues of empathy, restraint, and collective well-being."

Q: In the passage, “moral dissonance” most nearly means:

- a) Ethical harmony
- b) Confusion of values
- c) Strict adherence to rules
- d) Collective awareness

Answer: b) Confusion of values

14. (Cloze Test)

Her argument was full of _____ reasoning, appealing to emotions rather than logic.

- a) fallacious
- b) astute
- c) cogent
- d) meticulous

Answer: a) fallacious

15. (Word Knowledge)

Which word means *excessively showy or pretentious display of knowledge*?

- a) Erudite
- b) Pedantic
- c) Perspicacious
- d) Incisive

Answer: b) Pedantic

16. (Phrase Starter)

“Not only did she complete the project ahead of time, _____.”

- a) but she also exceeded expectations
- b) and expectations exceeded
- c) expectations also exceeded
- d) also exceeding expectations

Answer: a) but she also exceeded expectations

17. (Analogy)

Anachronism : Time :: Solecism : ?

- a) Language
- b) Place
- c) Culture
- d) Society

Answer: a) Language

18. (Odd One Out)

- a) Ubiquitous
- b) Omnipresent
- c) Scarce
- d) Pervasive

Answer: c) Scarce

19. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *trenchant*:

- a) Sharp
- b) Dull
- c) Subtle
- d) Blunt

Answer: a) Sharp

20. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of *magnanimous*:

- a) Generous
- b) Selfish
- c) Forgiving
- d) Noble

Answer: b) Selfish

21. (Idioms)

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

- a) To solve a problem boldly
- b) To avoid responsibility
- c) To complicate matters
- d) To remain indifferent

Answer: a) To solve a problem boldly

22. (Filler)

The scientist’s theory was initially ridiculed, but later it gained _____ recognition.

- a) spurious
- b) belated
- c) fallow
- d) ephemeral

Answer: b) belated

23. (Spot the error)

“The committee are divided in their opinions on the new policy.”

- a) The committee
- b) are divided
- c) in their opinions
- d) on the new policy

Answer: b) are divided (should be *is divided*)

24. (Cloze Test)

The soldier was awarded for his _____ bravery on the battlefield.

- a) craven
- b) pusillanimous
- c) intrepid
- d) meek

Answer: c) intrepid

25. (Word Knowledge)

Which word means *indirect or evasive expression*?

- a) Euphemism
- b) Pleonasm
- c) Neologism
- d) Antonymy

Answer: a) Euphemism

26. (Analogy)

Philistine : Culture :: Iconoclast : ?

- a) Tradition
- b) Religion
- c) Authority
- d) Convention

Answer: d) Convention

27. (Odd One Out)

- a) Mitigate
- b) Alleviate
- c) Aggravate
- d) Assuage

Answer: c) Aggravate

28. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *esoteric*:

- a) Common
- b) Obscure
- c) Popular
- d) Mundane

Answer: b) Obscure

29. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of *convivial*:

- a) Sociable
- b) Jovial
- c) Morose
- d) Gregarious

Answer: c) Morose

30. (Idioms)

"By the skin of one's teeth" means:

- a) With great effort
- b) Barely successful
- c) Completely failed
- d) Without difficulty

Answer: b) Barely successful

31. (Passage – 130 words)

"The renaissance of interest in classical texts during the 15th century was not merely a revival of ancient literature but a radical reorientation of thought. Humanists sought to reconcile classical wisdom with Christian doctrine, producing a synthesis that would eventually erode medieval scholasticism. However, critics argue that this so-called intellectual rebirth was elitist, accessible only to those who could afford education. The democratization of knowledge, they contend, came much later with the printing press, which destabilized the monopoly of clerics and scholars over learning."

Q: In context, the word "monopoly" is closest in meaning to:

- a) Advantage
- b) Authority
- c) Exclusive control
- d) Restriction

Answer: c) Exclusive control

32. (Filler)

Her tone was _____, betraying no emotion despite the shocking news.

- a) stoic
- b) exuberant
- c) histrionic
- d) jubilant

Answer: a) stoic

33. (Spot the error)

“One of my friend are planning to join the debate competition.”

- a) One
- b) of my friend
- c) are planning
- d) to join the debate competition

Answer: b) of my friend (should be *friends*)

34. (Word Knowledge)

Which word refers to *a situation of extreme despair or hopelessness*?

- a) Zenith
- b) Abyss
- c) Pinnacle
- d) Crescendo

Answer: b) Abyss

35. (Analogy)

Laconic : Words :: Miserly : ?

- a) Wealth
- b) Speech
- c) Courage
- d) Thought

Answer: a) Wealth