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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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#### Graduate Level (5 MCQs)

1.

The student's answer was so *tangential* that the teacher...

- A. praised the precision
- B. marked it as off-topic
- C. encouraged elaboration
- D. considered it innovative

Answer: B

2.

Synonym of "lament":

- A. Rejoice
- B. Mourn
- C. Ignore
- D. Celebrate

Answer: B

3.

Which word is most opposite in meaning to "meticulous"?

- A. Careless
- B. Precise
- C. Punctual

D. Thorough

Answer: A

4.

He gave a *cursory* glance to the document. The word 'cursory' implies:

A. Deep and thoughtful

B. Rushed and superficial

C. Repetitive and focused

D. Technically accurate

Answer: B

5.

Identify the analogy:

Panacea : Cure ::

A. Problem : Remedy

B. Catalyst : Reaction

C. Vaccine : Prevention

D. Elixir : Solution

Answer: D

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### Post-Graduate Level (20 MCQs)

6.

The professor's remarks were riddled with *innuendo*, making it hard to discern his actual stance. What does *innuendo* imply?

A. Direct praise

B. Subtle insult

C. Clear suggestion

D. Explicit criticism

Answer: B

7.

Antonym of "capitulate":

A. Surrender

B. Defy

C. Yield

D. Abdicate

Answer: B

8.

Which sentence uses the word "oblique" correctly?

- A. His answer was oblique and lacked direction.
- B. The oblique celebration was full of joy.
- C. She obliques the question masterfully.
- D. The oblique report was transparent.

Answer: A

9.

In context, "The ideology was so *dogmatic* that even questioning it was deemed blasphemous":

- A. Vague
- B. Open-minded
- C. Rigid
- D. Ambivalent

Answer: C

10.

Choose the most appropriate synonym of "dilatory":

- A. Timely
- B. Lethargic
- C. Prompt
- D. Careless

Answer: B

11.

The word "excoriate" most likely means:

- A. Praise lavishly
- B. Criticize harshly
- C. Write elegantly
- D. Peel gently

Answer: B

12.

"Her argument was so *specious* that it fooled even the well-read critics."

- A. Flawed but misleadingly plausible
- B. Grounded in empirical data
- C. Complex and convincing
- D. Clear and well-articulated

Answer: A

13.

Which term describes a government ruled by the wealthy?

- A. Oligarchy
- B. Autocracy
- C. Plutocracy
- D. Theocracy

Answer: C

14.

In a research paper, which word best substitutes "careful, exacting attention to detail"?

- A. Mercurial
- B. Fastidious
- C. Tepid
- D. Bombastic

Answer: B

15.

What is the meaning of "insouciance"?

- A. Agitation
- B. Indifference
- C. Wisdom
- D. Rage

Answer: B

16.

If someone is "pellucid," they are most likely:

- A. Transparent or easy to understand
- B. Highly deceptive
- C. Passionate and intense
- D. Mysterious and arcane

Answer: A

17.

Identify the correct usage of "verisimilitude":

- A. The verisimilitude of her explanation raised suspicions.
- B. His story lacked verisimilitude and sounded fabricated.
- C. Verisimilitude led him to believe in the illusion.
- D. They awarded him for verisimilitude in performance.

Answer: B

18.

Which of the following best describes the tone of a 'vituperative' editorial?

- A. Neutral and balanced
- B. Harsh and abusive
- C. Soft and encouraging
- D. Thoughtful and rational

Answer: B

19.

"Her conduct was *impeccable*." This means:

- A. Questionable
- B. Flawless
- C. Repetitive
- D. Risky

Answer: B

20.

What is a "lacuna" in legal or academic contexts?

- A. A long-winded explanation
- B. A minor correction
- C. A missing part or gap
- D. A repetitive clause

Answer: C

21.

Which word best contrasts with "ephemeral"?

- A. Provisional
- B. Permanent
- C. Fleeting
- D. Short-lived

Answer: B

22.

Which of the following indicates a "pyrrhic victory"?

- A. One that results in substantial loss
- B. An overwhelming win
- C. An ethical triumph
- D. A win for all sides

Answer: A

23.

Choose the pair of synonyms:

Obfuscate : \_\_\_\_

- A. Illuminate
- B. Clarify
- C. Confuse
- D. Reconstruct

Answer: C

24.

Contextual: "He delivered his presentation with such *aplomb* that the audience was instantly won over."

- A. Nervousness
- B. Indifference
- C. Poise
- D. Arrogance

Answer: C

25.

Which phrase best represents "raison d'être"?

- A. A person's downfall
- B. Reason for existence
- C. Right to remain silent
- D. Justification for anger

Answer: B

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## Doctorate Level (10 MCQs)

26.

Which of the following best demonstrates "epistemological conflict"?

- A. Clash of historical events
- B. Disagreement about the nature of knowledge
- C. War based on economic beliefs
- D. Conflict of personalities in fiction

Answer: B

27.

In critical theory, the term "hegemony" refers to:

- A. A divine intervention
- B. Dominance by consent
- C. Legal sovereignty

D. Philosophical equality

Answer: B

28.

Choose the sentence where “palimpsest” is used metaphorically:

A. The manuscript was a literal palimpsest, rewritten multiple times.

B. Her memory was a palimpsest of old and new emotions.

C. Palimpsest papers were expensive in ancient times.

D. We bought a palimpsest to display at the museum.

Answer: B

29.

The term “liminality” in anthropology refers to:

A. The post-ritual stage

B. A transitional or in-between phase

C. Total social integration

D. Fixed societal roles

Answer: B

30.

Which of these words is semantically closest to "aporetic"?

A. Certain

B. Indecisive

C. Doubt-filled

D. Derogatory

Answer: C

31.

In Derridean philosophy, “différance” implies:

A. A spelling error in French

B. The binary truth of language

C. A play on delay and difference in meaning

D. Logical contradiction

Answer: C

32.

“Teleological” reasoning implies:

A. Random causality

B. Emotional inference

C. Purpose-driven logic

D. Dialectical synthesis

Answer: C

33.

Which phrase captures the essence of "hermeneutic circle"?

A. Reading back and forth to build meaning

B. Failing to interpret text correctly

C. Avoiding cyclical logic

D. Linear understanding of knowledge

Answer: A

34.

In philosophical discourse, "ontology" refers to:

A. The study of emotion

B. Knowledge of ethics

C. The nature of being

D. Reasoning structure

Answer: C

35.

Which word best completes this sentence?

His theory, though highly *recondite*, challenged even the most seasoned academicians.

A. Obvious

B. Simplistic

C. Esoteric

D. Incoherent

Answer: C