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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. (Fillers)

Despite his _____ demeanor, the professor's lectures often contained biting criticism of prevailing theories.

- A) affable
- B) irascible
- C) magnanimous
- D) taciturn

Answer: A) affable

2. (Cloze Test)

The committee's decision was not merely a product of rational deliberation; it was also heavily influenced by the _____ currents of public opinion.

- A) capricious
- B) stagnant
- C) immutable
- D) placid

Answer: A) capricious

3. (Word Knowledge)

Choose the word that best describes: *"To deliberately obscure meaning in order to mislead"*

- A) elucidate
- B) prevaricate
- C) manifest
- D) enumerate

Answer: B) prevaricate

4. (Spot the error)

- A) No sooner had the results been announced
- B) when the students began to celebrate
- C) with unrestrained joy
- D) No error

Answer: B) when the students began to celebrate (*should be "than" instead of "when"*)

5. (Idioms and Phrases)

"To throw down the gauntlet" means:

- A) To issue a challenge
- B) To admit defeat
- C) To withdraw from competition
- D) To reveal one's weakness

Answer: A) To issue a challenge

6. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

Select the most logical continuation: "*While the board acknowledged the project's potential...*"

- A) it unanimously decided to delay its implementation pending further research.
- B) the shareholders voted to terminate it immediately without consultation.
- C) all employees resigned in protest against the management.
- D) the project continued without financial support.

Answer: A) it unanimously decided to delay its implementation pending further research.

7. (Analogy)

Taciturn : Speech :: Frugal : ?

- A) Spending
- B) Waste
- C) Generosity
- D) Economy

Answer: A) Spending

8. (Odd one out)

- A) Obfuscate
- B) Confound
- C) Clarify
- D) Perplex

Answer: C) Clarify

9. (Synonym)

Choose the word most similar to *intransigent*:

- A) Flexible
- B) Obstinate
- C) Passive
- D) Ambivalent

Answer: B) Obstinate

10. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of *sagacious*:

- A) Judicious
- B) Inept
- C) Foolish
- D) Shrewd

Answer: C) Foolish

11. (Passage – 120 words)

"In academic discourse, the tension between innovation and tradition is perennial. While some scholars embrace radical departures from established norms, others cling to conventional frameworks, fearing that novelty may compromise rigor. This dialectic, however, is not inherently antagonistic; rather, it is a dynamic interplay that fuels intellectual progress. Paradigm shifts often emerge from the friction between the old and the new, as the synthesis of divergent perspectives births fresh methodologies."

Question: The author's primary attitude toward the tension between innovation and tradition is:

- A) Dismissive
- B) Appreciative of its productive role
- C) Concerned about its destructive effects
- D) Neutral but resigned

Answer: B) Appreciative of its productive role

12. (Fillers)

His reputation for _____ was so entrenched that even his rare acts of generosity were met with suspicion.

- A) parsimony
- B) benevolence
- C) candor
- D) magnanimity

Answer: A) parsimony

13. (Cloze Test)

The scientist's work was praised for its meticulous methodology, yet criticized for its lack of _____ implications.

- A) theoretical
- B) practical
- C) ethical
- D) aesthetic

Answer: B) practical

14. (Word Knowledge)

The term "*palimpsest*" refers to:

- A) A manuscript with superimposed layers of writing
- B) A decorative architectural façade

- C) A philosophical argument with multiple premises
 - D) A musical composition with shifting tempos
- Answer: A) A manuscript with superimposed layers of writing

15. (Spot the error)

- A) She is one of those rare authors
- B) who crafts stories that is both
- C) intellectually stimulating and emotionally resonant
- D) No error

Answer: B) who crafts stories that is both (*should be "are" instead of "is"*)

16. (Idioms and Phrases)

"To burn the midnight oil" means:

- A) To work late into the night
- B) To waste time on trivialities
- C) To destroy valuable resources
- D) To plan excessively without acting

Answer: A) To work late into the night

17. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

"Given the unexpected surge in demand..."

- A) the production unit was forced to operate in triple shifts to meet deadlines.
- B) the board decided to halt production entirely to reassess strategy.
- C) suppliers withdrew from existing contracts.
- D) sales plummeted in the following quarter.

Answer: A) the production unit was forced to operate in triple shifts to meet deadlines.

18. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Lasting :: Garrulous : ?

- A) Quiet
- B) Verbose
- C) Loquacious
- D) Talkative

Answer: A) Quiet

19. (Odd one out)

- A) Laconic
- B) Reticent
- C) Verbose
- D) Taciturn

Answer: C) Verbose

20. (Synonym)

Choose the closest meaning to *quotidian*:

- A) Rare

- B) Mundane
 - C) Luxurious
 - D) Erratic
- Answer: B) Mundane

21. (Antonym)
Choose the opposite of *convivial*:

- A) Jovial
- B) Melancholy
- C) Sociable
- D) Festive

Answer: B) Melancholy

22. (Passage – 110 words)

"Economic resilience is often misconstrued as the mere ability to recover from financial shocks. In reality, resilience entails proactive adaptability — the capacity to anticipate disruptions, diversify resources, and recalibrate strategies before crises escalate. Societies that integrate foresight into their economic planning often fare better during global downturns, not because they avoid hardship entirely, but because they maintain functional stability despite it."

Question: The passage suggests that economic resilience primarily involves:

- A) Passive recovery after crises
 - B) Minimizing all risks completely
 - C) Anticipatory adaptation and strategic flexibility
 - D) Focusing solely on short-term growth
- Answer: C) Anticipatory adaptation and strategic flexibility

23. (Fillers)

The film's _____ narrative structure frustrated viewers accustomed to linear storytelling.

- A) convoluted
- B) coherent
- C) lucid
- D) simplistic

Answer: A) convoluted

24. (Cloze Test)

While her speech was criticized for being overly sentimental, it undeniably _____ a strong emotional response from the audience.

- A) evoked
- B) suppressed
- C) mitigated
- D) obfuscated

Answer: A) evoked

25. (Word Knowledge)

A "jeremiad" is best defined as:

- A) A joyful celebration
- B) A prolonged lamentation or complaint
- C) A short persuasive speech
- D) A satirical poem

Answer: B) A prolonged lamentation or complaint

26. (Spot the error)

- A) The theory has
- B) far-reaching implications
- C) and deserves to be examined further
- D) No error

Answer: D) No error

27. (Idioms and Phrases)

"To gild the lily" means:

- A) To spoil something already beautiful by trying to improve it
- B) To decorate excessively
- C) To hide flaws with embellishment
- D) To enhance beyond recognition

Answer: A) To spoil something already beautiful by trying to improve it

28. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

"In the aftermath of the merger..."

- A) several redundancies were inevitable as departments were consolidated.
- B) market share declined steadily for a decade.
- C) the companies decided to operate entirely independently.
- D) employees were granted lifelong tenure.

Answer: A) several redundancies were inevitable as departments were consolidated.

29. (Analogy)

Benevolent : Malevolent :: Generous : ?

- A) Selfish
- B) Giving
- C) Charitable
- D) Altruistic

Answer: A) Selfish

30. (Odd one out)

- A) Amiable
- B) Genial
- C) Hostile
- D) Affable

Answer: C) Hostile

31. (Synonym)

Choose the word most similar to *pellucid*:

- A) Transparent
- B) Murky
- C) Opaque
- D) Dense

Answer: A) Transparent

32. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of *ebullient*:

- A) Enthusiastic
- B) Apathetic
- C) Overjoyed
- D) Animated

Answer: B) Apathetic

33. (Passage – 105 words)

"Technological determinism posits that technological development drives social change, shaping cultural norms and societal structures. Critics, however, argue that this perspective neglects the reciprocal influence of societal values on technological adoption. While the advent of the internet undoubtedly transformed communication, the ways in which communities embraced or resisted it were mediated by pre-existing cultural frameworks. Thus, the relationship between technology and society is less a one-way causation than a mutually constitutive dynamic."

Question: Which of the following best captures the main idea?

- A) Technology changes society unilaterally
- B) Society and technology influence each other
- C) Cultural norms remain unchanged by technology
- D) Technology always overrides social resistance

Answer: B) Society and technology influence each other

34. (Fillers)

The diplomat's remarks were so _____ that both sides left the negotiation table believing they had gained concessions.

- A) ambiguous
- B) forthright
- C) candid
- D) explicit

Answer: A) ambiguous

35. (Cloze Test)

Her memoir was praised not only for its narrative elegance but also for its _____ insight into the cultural shifts of her era.

- A) profound

B) superficial

C) negligible

D) trite

Answer: A) profound