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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)

Despite his repeated failures, the scientist remained _____, convinced that discovery was within reach.

- a) despondent
- b) indefatigable
- c) apathetic
- d) vacuous

Answer: b) indefatigable

2. (Word Knowledge)

Choose the word closest in meaning to "abstruse".

- a) obscure
- b) plain
- c) transparent
- d) candid

Answer: a) obscure

3. (Spot the Error)

Identify the part containing an error:

- a) The jury were divided / b) in their opinion, / c) which made the verdict / d) difficult to reach.

Answer: a) The jury were divided → The jury was divided

4. (Analogy)

Philistine : Culture :: Iconoclast : ?

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

Answer: a) Tradition

5. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To accept defeat
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To apologize humbly
- d) To withdraw from a conflict

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

6. (Filler)

The manager's remarks were so _____ that even seasoned employees found them insulting.

- a) caustic
- b) genial
- c) perfunctory
- d) bland

Answer: a) caustic

7. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

Complete:

“Hardly had the minister finished speaking _____.”

- a) when the audience applauded
- b) than the protestors entered
- c) while the opposition left
- d) because the crowd dispersed

Answer: b) than the protestors entered

8. (Word Knowledge)

“Sesquipedalian” refers to:

- a) Short and concise speech
- b) Use of long words
- c) Hesitant manner of speaking
- d) Unintelligible jargon

Answer: b) Use of long words

9. (Odd one out)

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

Answer: c) Reticent

10. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of “excoriate.”

- a) Praise
- b) Criticize harshly
- c) Decorate
- d) Expedite

Answer: b) Criticize harshly

11. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of "munificent."

- a) Generous
- b) Stingy
- c) Benevolent
- d) Philanthropic

Answer: b) Stingy

12. (Cloze Test)

Fill in the blanks:

"The philosopher's lectures were admired not only for their intellectual rigor but also for their _____, which made even complex ideas accessible."

- a) lucidity
- b) opacity
- c) vagueness
- d) convolution

Answer: a) lucidity

13. (Spot the Error)

a) No sooner did the meeting start / b) when the fire alarm rang / c) causing panic / d) among all participants.

Answer: b) when → than

14. (Analogy)

Peregrination : Journey :: Somnolent : ?

- a) Sleepy
- b) Energetic
- c) Wanderer
- d) Talkative

Answer: a) Sleepy

15. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To move heaven and earth” means:

- a) To attempt the impossible
- b) To delay unnecessarily
- c) To make every possible effort
- d) To disturb peace

Answer: c) To make every possible effort

16. (Word Knowledge)

What does “apotheosis” mean?

- a) Decline of a system
- b) Elevation to divine status
- c) Sudden catastrophe
- d) Ironical twist

Answer: b) Elevation to divine status

17. (Filler)

The general’s speech was filled with _____, stirring the soldiers to fight with renewed zeal.

- a) platitudes
- b) rhetoric
- c) ennui
- d) lethargy

Answer: b) rhetoric

18. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of “jejune.”

- a) Sophisticated
- b) Dull
- c) Nourishing
- d) Intriguing

Answer: b) Dull

19. (Phrase Starter)

“Not only did the scientist win the Nobel Prize, _____.”

- a) but also her theory was ridiculed
- b) but she also inspired generations
- c) therefore she became famous
- d) and her ideas were ignored

Answer: b) but she also inspired generations

20. (Odd one out)

- a) Erudite
- b) Scholarly
- c) Illiterate
- d) Sapient

Answer: c) Illiterate

21. (Cloze Test)

“The politician’s speech was criticized for being full of _____ promises that lacked substance.”

- a) grandiose
- b) pragmatic
- c) feasible
- d) austere

Answer: a) grandiose

22. (Analogy)

Misanthrope : Humanity :: Misogynist : ?

- a) Marriage
- b) Women
- c) Men
- d) Religion

Answer: b) Women

23. (Spot the Error)

a) Neither of the answers / b) are correct / c) so the teacher asked them / d) to attempt again.

Answer: b) are → is

24. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of “sagacious.”

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

Answer: b) Foolish

25. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

- a) To complicate an issue
- b) To solve a problem boldly
- c) To delay indefinitely
- d) To avoid responsibility

Answer: b) To solve a problem boldly

26. (Word Knowledge)

What does “lachrymose” mean?

- a) Tearful
- b) Joyful
- c) Talkative
- d) Indifferent

Answer: a) Tearful

27. (Filler)

The archaeologist's discovery was hailed as a _____ moment in the study of ancient civilizations.

- a) seminal
- b) trivial
- c) redundant
- d) negligible

Answer: a) seminal

28. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of "obfuscate."

- a) Clarify
- b) Confuse
- c) Simplify
- d) Reveal

Answer: b) Confuse

29. (Phrase Connector)

"Scarcely had the train departed _____."

- a) than the passengers relaxed
- b) when the bomb squad arrived
- c) as the announcement was made
- d) because the signal failed

Answer: b) when the bomb squad arrived

30. (Analogy)

Choleric : Temper :: Phlegmatic : ?

- a) Anger
- b) Calmness
- c) Happiness
- d) Sadness

Answer: b) Calmness

31. (Odd one out)

- a) Meticulous
- b) Fastidious
- c) Sloppy
- d) Punctilious

Answer: c) Sloppy

32. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of “trenchant.”

- a) Sharp
- b) Weak
- c) Dull
- d) Soft

Answer: a) Sharp

33. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of “ephemeral.”

- a) Transient
- b) Everlasting
- c) Short-lived
- d) Brief

Answer: b) Everlasting

34. (Passage-Based)

Passage (approx. 120 words):

“In an era dominated by information, the ability to discern truth from falsehood has become paramount. While the internet democratizes knowledge, it also amplifies misinformation. This paradox has generated a cultural landscape where authority is simultaneously questioned and fabricated. The modern individual, caught between skepticism and credulity, must cultivate

critical thinking as both shield and weapon. Without it, society risks descending into an abyss where conspiracy thrives, and facts lose their sanctity.”

Q: The central idea of the passage is that—

- a) The internet is a blessing without drawbacks
- b) Misinformation is the greatest threat to democracy
- c) Critical thinking is essential in the information age
- d) Authority should always be blindly trusted

Answer: c) Critical thinking is essential in the information age

35. (Doctorate Level Word Knowledge)

What does “sybaritic” most nearly mean?

- a) Self-indulgent in luxury
- b) Simple and frugal
- c) Morally strict
- d) Socially awkward

Answer: a) Self-indulgent in luxury