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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 her apparent _____, she harbored deep insecurities that only surfaced in solitude.

- A) sangfroid
- B) trepidation
- C) hubris
- D) obsequiousness

Answer: A) sangfroid

2. (Analogy)

Hubris : Downfall :: Altruism : ?

- A) Cynicism
- B) Admiration
- C) Betrayal
- D) Treachery

Answer: B) Admiration

3. (Odd one out)

Choose the word that does not belong.

- A) Magnanimous
- B) Parsimonious
- C) Munificent
- D) Philanthropic

Answer: B) Parsimonious

4. (Spot the error)

He is not only admired for his eloquence but also because of his integrity.

- A) He is not only admired
- B) for his eloquence
- C) but also because of
- D) his integrity

Answer: C) but also because of
(Correct: *but also for his integrity.*)

5. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

Select the best continuation:

“Far from being a mere luxury, reading literature in digital age...”

- A) contributes to a superfluous distraction.
- B) undermines rational discourse.
- C) cultivates empathy and broadens intellectual horizons.
- D) replaces authentic cultural heritage.

Answer: C) cultivates empathy and broadens intellectual horizons.

6. (Cloze Test – 1/5)

Passage:

“Technological revolutions are often greeted with ____ enthusiasm before their latent perils become apparent. The Industrial Revolution, for instance, spurred unprecedented productivity but also ____ exploitation.”

Blank 1:

- A) cautious
- B) unbridled
- C) lukewarm
- D) perfunctory

Answer: B) unbridled

Blank 2:

- A) widespread
- B) meager
- C) deliberate
- D) ephemeral

Answer: A) widespread

7. (Synonym)

Choose the word most similar in meaning to trenchant.

- A) Vague
- B) Incisive
- C) Verbose
- D) Tepid

Answer: B) Incisive

8. (Antonym)

Opposite of soporific is:

- A) Somnolent
- B) Stimulating
- C) Tedious
- D) Enervating

Answer: B) Stimulating

9. (Idiom & Phrase)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- A) To retreat from battle

- B) To issue a challenge
- C) To abandon responsibility
- D) To mock an adversary

Answer: B) To issue a challenge

10. (Word Knowledge)

Which of the following best describes sui generis?

- A) Derived from tradition
- B) Unique, of its own kind
- C) Morally ambiguous
- D) Excessively repetitive

Answer: B) Unique, of its own kind

11. (Filler)

The professor's lecture was so ____ that even seasoned scholars found themselves enthralled.

- A) vapid
- B) scintillating
- C) banal
- D) prosaic

Answer: B) scintillating

12. (Cloze Test – 2/5)

"While the watchdog agency claimed neutrality, its actions revealed a ____ bias that was impossible to ignore."

- A) patent
- B) latent
- C) clandestine
- D) illusory

Answer: A) patent

13. (Analogy)

Obfuscate : Clarity :: Prevaricate : ?

- A) Truth
- B) Complexity
- C) Persuasion
- D) Evidence

Answer: A) Truth

14. (Odd one out)

- A) Ephemeral
- B) Evanescent
- C) Perennial
- D) Transitory

Answer: C) Perennial

15. (Spot the error)

No sooner the meeting ended when the investors rushed to the exit.

- A) No sooner
- B) the meeting ended
- C) when
- D) the investors rushed

Answer: C) when

(Correct: *No sooner had the meeting ended than...*)

16. (Passage – 1/2, 100 words)

Passage:

“In the era of digital omnipresence, attention has become the new currency. Corporations vie for milliseconds of user engagement, refining algorithms that capitalize on cognitive biases. Paradoxically, what appears to be autonomy in digital browsing is often subtle coercion, engineered to maximize profit rather than well-being. The ethical dilemma, then, is not merely about privacy but about the erosion of free will itself.”

Question: The central concern raised in the passage is:

- A) Data security
- B) Privacy invasion
- C) Manipulation of autonomy
- D) Profit maximization

Answer: C) Manipulation of autonomy

17. (Synonym)

Obdurate most nearly means:

- A) Flexible
- B) Stubborn
- C) Compassionate
- D) Hesitant

Answer: B) Stubborn

18. (Antonym)

Opposite of equanimity is:

- A) Composure
- B) Agitation
- C) Balance
- D) Serenity

Answer: B) Agitation

19. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

- A) To delay indefinitely
- B) To solve a complex problem boldly
- C) To abandon responsibility
- D) To complicate matters further

Answer: B) To solve a complex problem boldly

20. (Filler)

His critique was so ____ that it not only dismantled the argument but also reshaped the discourse.

- A) diffident
- B) trenchant
- C) vapid
- D) equivocal

Answer: B) trenchant

21. (Cloze Test – 3/5)

“The scientist’s theory, though initially derided, eventually gained ____ recognition after years of empirical validation.”

- A) spurious
- B) belated
- C) immediate
- D) dubious

Answer: B) belated

22. (Analogy)

Magnanimous : Generosity :: Vindictive : ?

- A) Forgiveness
- B) Revenge
- C) Humility
- D) Compassion

Answer: B) Revenge

23. (Odd one out)

- A) Loquacious
- B) Garrulous
- C) Reticent
- D) Verbose

Answer: C) Reticent

24. (Spot the error)

She insisted to join the program despite of repeated refusals.

- A) She insisted
- B) to join the program
- C) despite of
- D) repeated refusals

Answer: C) despite of
(Correct: *despite repeated refusals*.)

25. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

“Given the precariousness of the global economy...”

- A) it is inevitable that inflation will decline.
- B) policymakers must tread with caution.
- C) citizens will rejoice in newfound wealth.
- D) nations should abandon fiscal discipline.

Answer: B) policymakers must tread with caution.

26. (Synonym)

Closest in meaning to pulchritude is:

- A) Wisdom
- B) Strength
- C) Beauty
- D) Authority

Answer: C) Beauty

27. (Antonym)

Opposite of diffident is:

- A) Confident
- B) Shy

- C) Hesitant
- D) Reserved

Answer: A) Confident

28. (Idiom)

"To bell the cat" means:

- A) To accept a dangerous challenge
- B) To avoid responsibility
- C) To create confusion
- D) To pursue leisure

Answer: A) To accept a dangerous challenge

29. (Cloze Test – 4/5)

"The CEO's address was filled with ____ platitudes that did little to reassure anxious stakeholders."

- A) profound
- B) hackneyed
- C) sagacious
- D) trenchant

Answer: B) hackneyed

30. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Eternal :: Insipid : ?

- A) Dull
- B) Flavorful
- C) Weak
- D) Ordinary

Answer: B) Flavorful

31. (Odd one out)

- A) Sagacious
- B) Prudent
- C) Imprudent
- D) Judicious

Answer: C) Imprudent

32. (Spot the error)

He denied to have taken any part in the fraudulent scheme.

- A) He denied
- B) to have taken
- C) any part
- D) in the fraudulent scheme

Answer: B) to have taken

(Correct: *He denied having taken...*)

33. (Passage – 2/2, 120 words)

Passage:

“History, when stripped of its mythologies, reveals less a march of inevitable progress than a series of contingent choices. To view it otherwise is to risk teleology, the belief that history ‘must’ culminate in our present arrangements. This view is seductive but flawed; it blinds us to possibilities foreclosed by power, accident, or human folly. Recognizing contingency liberates us to imagine futures unbound by deterministic narratives.”

Question: The author’s main argument is that:

- A) History is predetermined.
- B) History is shaped by chance and choices.
- C) Progress is inevitable.
- D) Myths accurately reflect history.

Answer: B) History is shaped by chance and choices.

34. (Filler)

Her speech was marked by a rare _____ that left the audience in contemplative silence.

- A) profundity

- B) triviality
- C) banality
- D) opacity

Answer: A) profundity

35. (Cloze Test – 5/5)

“The startup’s success was less the product of meticulous planning than of a ____ serendipity that caught even its founders by surprise.”

- A) calculated
- B) fortuitous
- C) deliberate
- D) spurious

Answer: B) fortuitous