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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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The students found his lectures so _____ with technical jargon that they struggled to follow the central argument.

- a) replete
- b) lucid
- c) transparent
- d) vacuous

Answer: a) replete

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Odd one out:

- a) ephemeral
- b) transient
- c) perpetual
- d) evanescent

Answer: c) perpetual

3

Choose the correct idiom:

To “burn the candle at both ends” means:

- a) to waste money recklessly
- b) to overwork oneself by extending effort in all directions
- c) to give up too early
- d) to be indecisive

Answer: b) to overwork oneself by extending effort in all directions

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He spoke at length about the reforms, _____ his audience remained unconvinced of his sincerity.

- a) so that
- b) although
- c) unless
- d) whenever

Answer: b) although

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Synonym of “stymie”:

- a) hinder
- b) encourage
- c) promote
- d) facilitate

Answer: a) hinder

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Spot the error:

The principal, along with the teachers, have approved the new policy.

- a) The principal
- b) along with the teachers

- c) have approved
- d) the new policy

Answer: c) have approved (should be *has approved*)

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Analogy:

Oracle : Prophecy :: Cartographer : ?

- a) maps
- b) journeys
- c) landscapes
- d) territories

Answer: a) maps

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The evidence was purely _____; it suggested a connection but failed to prove causation.

- a) circumstantial
- b) conclusive
- c) irrefutable
- d) definitive

Answer: a) circumstantial

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Synonym of “stowable” (context: compact/portable):

- a) unwieldy
- b) collapsible
- c) heavy
- d) cumbersome

Answer: b) collapsible

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Antonym of "pellucid":

- a) opaque
- b) lucid
- c) transparent
- d) clear

Answer: a) opaque

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Passage (Read carefully):

Economic crises often expose the fragility of systems once believed to be robust. While some argue that downturns are cyclical and inevitable, others see them as products of mismanagement, collusion, or systemic flaws. The difficulty lies in distinguishing structural weaknesses from temporary setbacks. Policymakers must act swiftly yet wisely, as hasty measures may provide relief but undermine long-term stability.

Question: What is the main concern expressed in the passage?

- a) Crises are rare and unpredictable events.
- b) Policymakers must balance immediate relief with structural reforms.
- c) Collusion is the only cause of economic downturns.
- d) Economic systems are inherently indestructible.

Answer: b) Policymakers must balance immediate relief with structural reforms.

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He had an uncanny ability to remain _____ in the face of chaos, which often unnerved his opponents.

- a) phlegmatic
- b) hysterical
- c) frantic
- d) agitated

Answer: a) phlegmatic

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Odd one out:

- a) candor
- b) duplicity
- c) honesty
- d) integrity

Answer: b) duplicity

14

Spot the error:

Neither the board members nor the chairman have approved the merger.

- a) Neither the board members
- b) nor the chairman
- c) have approved
- d) the merger

Answer: c) have approved (should be *has approved*)

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To “call someone’s bluff” means:

- a) to challenge them to prove a claim
- b) to deceive them skillfully
- c) to ignore them
- d) to flatter them excessively

Answer: a) to challenge them to prove a claim

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The _____ spread of misinformation during crises amplifies fear and hinders rational decision-making.

- a) sluggish
- b) viral
- c) tardy
- d) stagnant

Answer: b) viral

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Analogy:

Enigma : Mystery :: Panacea : ?

- a) solution
- b) cure-all
- c) placebo
- d) illusion

Answer: b) cure-all

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Synonym of "diatribe":

- a) eulogy
- b) tirade
- c) compliment
- d) ode

Answer: b) tirade

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Antonym of "brisk" (energetic sense):

- a) sluggish
- b) rapid
- c) lively
- d) prompt

Answer: a) sluggish

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The diaspora often acts as a cultural bridge, enriching the host society while preserving ties to the _____ land.

- a) alien

- b) homeland
- c) temporary
- d) foreign

Answer: b) homeland

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Spot the error:

Each of the employees were given a bonus at the end of the year.

- a) Each of the employees
- b) were given
- c) a bonus
- d) at the end of the year

Answer: b) were given (should be *was given*)

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His reasoning was so _____ that even the harshest critics conceded to his logic.

- a) cogent
- b) flimsy
- c) fallacious
- d) specious

Answer: a) cogent

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Odd one out:

- a) clandestine
- b) covert
- c) surreptitious
- d) transparent

Answer: d) transparent

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To “move the goalposts” means:

- a) to shift standards unfairly during a process
- b) to achieve victory quickly
- c) to avoid accountability
- d) to set realistic expectations

Answer: a) to shift standards unfairly during a process

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The writer’s style was _____ with references to mythology, philosophy, and science, making it intellectually rich but demanding.

- a) laced
- b) devoid
- c) barren
- d) empty

Answer: a) laced

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Antonym of “munificent”:

- a) generous
- b) liberal
- c) miserly
- d) altruistic

Answer: c) miserly

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Analogy:

Collusion : Conspiracy :: Integrity : ?

- a) duplicity
- b) honesty
- c) corruption
- d) fraud

Answer: b) honesty

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The biologist argued that the species' survival depended on its _____ to rapidly changing environments.

- a) rigidity
- b) adaptation
- c) stagnation
- d) obstinacy

Answer: b) adaptation

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He was known for his _____ remarks, sharp enough to wound but too clever to dismiss.

- a) caustic
- b) genial
- c) benevolent
- d) affable

Answer: a) caustic

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Phrase Starter:

_____ the evidence was weak, the prosecutor managed to secure a conviction.

- a) Although
- b) Whenever
- c) Provided
- d) Unless

Answer: a) Although

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Word Knowledge: Which of the following refers to a sudden insight or revelation?

- a) Epiphany

- b) Dogma
- c) Paradox
- d) Conundrum

Answer: a) Epiphany

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Cloze Test:

The policy was criticized as a _____ measure—superficial in scope and unlikely to address the deeper issues.

- a) cosmetic
- b) thorough
- c) radical
- d) comprehensive

Answer: a) cosmetic

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Antonym of “assiduous”:

- a) diligent
- b) negligent
- c) meticulous
- d) persistent

Answer: b) negligent

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Odd one out:

- a) perspicacious
- b) insightful
- c) astute
- d) obtuse

Answer: d) obtuse

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He was accused of making _____ promises, appealing in rhetoric but empty in substance.

- a) vacuous
- b) concrete
- c) tangible
- d) authentic

Answer: a) vacuous