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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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Q1. (Fill in the blank)

His explanation was so _____ that nobody doubted its authenticity.

- a) specious
- b) lucid
- c) obscure
- d) fallacious

Answer: b) lucid

Q2. (Word Knowledge)

Which of the following best describes *taciturn*?

- a) Talkative
- b) Reserved in speech
- c) Extremely loud
- d) Pretentious

Answer: b) Reserved in speech

Q3. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : *Permanent* :: *Fugacious* : ?

- a) Eternal
- b) Fleeting
- c) Durable

d) Endless
Answer: a) Eternal

Q4. (Odd one out)
a) Palaver
b) Discourse
c) Silence
d) Dialogue
Answer: c) Silence

Q5. (Synonym)
Choose the synonym of *egregious*.
a) Appalling
b) Minor
c) Careful
d) Subtle
Answer: a) Appalling

Q6. (Cloze Test)
The philosopher's argument, though subtle, was riddled with _____ assumptions that weakened its core.
a) fallacious
b) meticulous
c) pristine
d) credible
Answer: a) fallacious

Q7. (Spot the Error)
Neither of the leaders *are* willing to resolve the conflict.
a) Neither
b) of the leaders
c) are
d) willing
Answer: c) are → should be "is"

Q8. (Phrase Starter/Connector)

Select the correct completion:

“Had it not been for his _____ resolve, ...”

- a) faint
 - b) unwavering
 - c) precarious
 - d) negligible
- Answer: b) unwavering
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Q9. (Idioms/Phrases)

“To throw someone under the bus” means:

- a) To rescue someone
 - b) To betray for self-gain
 - c) To praise excessively
 - d) To offer false hope
- Answer: b) To betray for self-gain
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Q10. (Antonym)

Antonym of *intransigent*:

- a) Unyielding
 - b) Flexible
 - c) Adamant
 - d) Stubborn
- Answer: b) Flexible
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Q11. (Fill in the blank)

The scientist’s discovery added an _____ contribution to the field of genetics.

- a) appreciable
 - b) negligible
 - c) futile
 - d) trite
- Answer: a) appreciable
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Q12. (Analogy)

Cachet : Prestige :: Tarnish : ?

- a) Disgrace
- b) Luster
- c) Honor

d) Distinction

Answer: a) Disgrace

Q13. (Word Knowledge)

Defenestration primarily refers to:

- a) The act of rebellion
- b) The act of throwing someone out of a window
- c) A political coup
- d) Harsh criticism

Answer: b) The act of throwing someone out of a window

Q14. (Odd one out)

- a) Resolve
- b) Determination
- c) Vacillation
- d) Perseverance

Answer: c) Vacillation

Q15. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *mollify*.

- a) Provoke
- b) Appease
- c) Agitate
- d) Enrage

Answer: b) Appease

Q16. (Passage – 120 words)

Passage:

Modern leaders are often judged less by their accomplishments and more by their capacity to handle crises. Charisma and eloquence may capture attention, but what sustains long-term influence is resilience, foresight, and the ability to galvanize collective resolve. In an age where public opinion fluctuates rapidly, one fugacious mistake can overshadow decades of service. Hence, leaders must balance euphoria-driven popularity with concrete, appreciable actions that stand the test of scrutiny.

Q16a. What does “galvanize” in the passage mean?

- a) Weaken
- b) Shock into action

- c) Suppress
- d) Confuse

Answer: b) Shock into action

Q16b. The word *fugacious* in the passage implies something that is:

- a) Long-lasting
- b) Transient
- c) Firm
- d) Enduring

Answer: b) Transient

Q17. (Fill in the blank)

The jury had to _____ on the dispute before giving a verdict.

- a) adjudicate
- b) exacerbate
- c) speculate
- d) invigorate

Answer: a) adjudicate

Q18. (Phrase/Idiom)

“To hold water” means:

- a) To leak constantly
- b) To be valid or sound
- c) To fail miserably
- d) To entertain people

Answer: b) To be valid or sound

Q19. (Spot the Error)

She insisted *to attend* the conference despite her illness.

- a) She
- b) insisted
- c) to attend
- d) despite

Answer: c) to attend → should be “on attending”

Q20. (Analogy)

Taciturn : Silent :: Verbose : ?

- a) Quiet

- b) Talkative
 - c) Reticent
 - d) Withdrawn
- Answer: b) Talkative
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Q21. (Word Knowledge)

A “meandering” speech is:

- a) Straightforward
- b) Wandering without direction
- c) Focused and precise
- d) Short and curt

Answer: b) Wandering without direction

Q22. (Odd one out)

- a) Euphoria
- b) Gloom
- c) Elation
- d) Ecstasy

Answer: b) Gloom

Q23. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *glimpse*.

- a) Prolonged look
- b) Fleeting view
- c) Thorough scan
- d) Detailed observation

Answer: b) Fleeting view

Q24. (Antonym)

Antonym of *raddled*:

- a) Worn-out
- b) Youthful
- c) Haggard
- d) Exhausted

Answer: b) Youthful

Q25. (Fill in the blank)

Despite his _____ appearance, he was admired for his intellect.

- a) raddled
- b) pristine
- c) immaculate
- d) radiant

Answer: a) raddled

Q26. (Phrase Starter/Connector)

Select the correct completion:

“Not only did she demonstrate zest for life, ...”

- a) but she also inspired others.
- b) though she avoided social contact.
- c) until she lost her optimism.
- d) however, she was indifferent.

Answer: a) but she also inspired others.

Q27. (Cloze Test)

The novelist was praised for her _____ narrative style, which gave readers insight into the thoughts of every character.

- a) omniscient
- b) obscure
- c) laconic
- d) opaque

Answer: a) omniscient

Q28. (Analogy)

Meander : Wander :: Plunge : ?

- a) Rise
- b) Fall
- c) Stumble
- d) Soar

Answer: b) Fall

Q29. (Spot the Error)

The data *was* carefully collected and *are* being analyzed.

- a) The
- b) data

c) was

d) are

Answer: c) was → should be “were” (data = plural in formal usage)

Q30. (Idioms/Phrases)

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

a) To solve a problem in a simple decisive manner

b) To complicate things unnecessarily

c) To avoid responsibilities

d) To create confusion

Answer: a) To solve a problem in a simple decisive manner

Q31. (Fill in the blank)

Her speech carried the _____ of authenticity, leaving the audience convinced.

a) cachet

b) stain

c) blemish

d) void

Answer: a) cachet

Q32. (Antonym)

Antonym of *verbatim*:

a) Precisely

b) Paraphrased

c) Literally

d) Exactly

Answer: b) Paraphrased

Q33. (Odd one out)

a) Zest

b) Enthusiasm

c) Apathy

d) Passion

Answer: c) Apathy

Q34. (Cloze Test)

The committee's decision to _____ the rules sparked widespread criticism.

- a) vitiate
- b) reinforce
- c) codify
- d) fortify

Answer: a) vitiate

Q35. (Passage – 130 words)

Passage:

Critics argue that the modern obsession with constant connectivity has vitiated the quality of human reflection. With phones buzzing relentlessly, solitude has become a fugacious luxury. Yet, others contend that technology has democratized information, empowering even the most taciturn individuals to express their views. While some see this as an egregious distraction, others hail it as the ultimate tool for social equity. Ultimately, the balance between solitude and connectivity must be adjudicated individually, as no single verdict can encapsulate the diversity of human experience.

Q35a. What does “vitiating” mean in this context?

- a) Strengthened
- b) Weakened or spoiled
- c) Balanced
- d) Repaired

Answer: b) Weakened or spoiled

Q35b. Which tone best describes the passage?

- a) Objective and analytical
- b) Romantic and idealistic
- c) Hostile and critical
- d) Humorous and satirical

Answer: a) Objective and analytical