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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.

The politician's remarks were so vituperative that even his allies were left in stunned silence. Which of the following is the closest synonym of *vituperative*?

- A) Cautious
 - B) Abusive
 - C) Persuasive
 - D) Ambiguous
- Answer: B) Abusive
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2.

Fill in the blank:

Despite her youth, she spoke with such _____ that the audience hung on every word, convinced they were in the presence of someone wise beyond her years.

- A) Perspicacity
- B) Vacillation
- C) Temerity
- D) Equanimity

Answer: A) Perspicacity

3.

Spot the error:

Neither the professors nor the dean were willing to concede the point.

- A) Neither
- B) the professors
- C) nor the dean
- D) were willing

Answer: D) were willing (should be *was willing*)

4.

Idiom meaning:

"Throwing down the gauntlet" means:

- A) To admit defeat
- B) To accept a challenge
- C) To retreat strategically
- D) To argue over trivial matters

Answer: B) To accept a challenge

5.

Cloze Test:

The scientist's theory was met with intense skepticism, as it appeared to _____ the very principles upon which modern physics is built.

- A) Buttress
- B) Vitiate
- C) Substantiate
- D) Conform

Answer: B) Vitiate

6.

Phrase Starter & Connector:

Select the best completion:

"Given the company's dwindling profits and high attrition rate, it is reasonable to infer that _____."

- A) employee morale is high
- B) the firm is poised for expansion

C) structural reforms are urgently required
D) external competition is negligible
Answer: C) structural reforms are urgently required

7.

Odd one out:

A) Sagacious
B) Prudent
C) Judicious
D) Impetuous
Answer: D) Impetuous

8.

Synonym: *Ebullient*

A) Melancholy
B) Jubilant
C) Apathetic
D) Diffident
Answer: B) Jubilant

9.

Analogy:

Hermit : Solitude :: Epicure : ?

A) Fasting
B) Frugality
C) Luxury
D) Gastronomy
Answer: D) Gastronomy

10.

Antonym: *Munificent*

A) Generous
B) Lavish

C) Parsimonious

D) Benevolent

Answer: C) Parsimonious

11.

Passage:

In the realm of cognitive science, the distinction between 'fast' and 'slow' thinking has gained widespread recognition. While the former operates on instinct and heuristic shortcuts, the latter demands deliberate analysis. However, an overreliance on either mode can be detrimental—impulsive judgments risk error, whereas overthinking may paralyze decision-making.

Question: The author suggests that optimal decision-making requires:

A) Avoiding slow thinking entirely

B) Balancing intuitive and analytical thinking

C) Preferring instinct over logic

D) Rejecting heuristic shortcuts

Answer: B) Balancing intuitive and analytical thinking

12.

Fill in the blank:

Her performance was so _____ that the critics struggled to find adequate words of praise.

A) Lackluster

B) Sublime

C) Mediocre

D) Pedestrian

Answer: B) Sublime

13.

Spot the error:

The number of people living in the cities have increased dramatically over the last decade.

A) The number

B) of people

C) living in the cities

D) have increased

Answer: D) have increased (should be *has increased*)

14.

Idiom meaning:

"Burning the candle at both ends" means:

- A) Spending money extravagantly
- B) Working excessively without rest
- C) Being overly cautious
- D) Taking unnecessary risks

Answer: B) Working excessively without rest

15.

Cloze Test:

The novel's protagonist is a paradox: fiercely independent yet deeply _____ on the approval of others.

- A) Contingent
- B) Dependent
- C) Subsidiary
- D) Insensitive

Answer: B) Dependent

16.

Analogy:

Eloquent : Speech :: Nimble : ?

- A) Movement
- B) Thought
- C) Decision
- D) Gesture

Answer: A) Movement

17.

Antonym: *Ameliorate*

- A) Improve
- B) Worsen
- C) Assist
- D) Revise

Answer: B) Worsen

18.

Fill in the blank:

The committee's report was dismissed as _____ propaganda, designed to sway public opinion without offering substantive evidence.

- A) Factual
- B) Partisan
- C) Objective
- D) Disinterested

Answer: B) Partisan

19.

Spot the error:

One of my friend have decided to start a business abroad.

- A) One
- B) of my
- C) friend
- D) have decided

Answer: D) have decided (should be *has decided*)

20.

Idiom meaning:

"Let the cat out of the bag" means:

- A) To reveal a secret unintentionally
- B) To create chaos
- C) To exaggerate a story
- D) To give false hope

Answer: A) To reveal a secret unintentionally

21.

Cloze Test:

Although the lecture was highly technical, the professor's use of vivid analogies helped to _____ the material for the students.

- A) Obscure
- B) Demystify
- C) Complicate

D) Muddle
Answer: B) Demystify

22.

Synonym: *Obfuscate*

- A) Clarify
- B) Confuse
- C) Reveal
- D) Simplify

Answer: B) Confuse

23.

Odd one out:

- A) Arduous
- B) Strenuous
- C) Onerous
- D) Effortless

Answer: D) Effortless

24.

Phrase Starter & Connector:

"While some argue that artificial intelligence will inevitably lead to mass unemployment, others contend that _____."

- A) technological stagnation is unavoidable
- B) AI will create new industries and job roles
- C) automation should be banned entirely
- D) the risks are too great to justify further research

Answer: B) AI will create new industries and job roles

25.

Fill in the blank:

The detective's keen observation skills allowed him to piece together the _____ clues into a coherent narrative.

- A) Disparate
 - B) Homogeneous
 - C) Uniform
 - D) Consistent
- Answer: A) Disparate
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26.

Analogy:

Lexicon : Words :: Atlas : ?

- A) Countries
- B) Maps
- C) Globes
- D) Continents

Answer: B) Maps

27.

Antonym: *Sanguine*

- A) Hopeful
- B) Cheerful
- C) Pessimistic
- D) Optimistic

Answer: C) Pessimistic

28.

Passage:

The rise of renewable energy sources marks a significant shift in global energy policy. Yet, the transition is fraught with challenges, from technological limitations to geopolitical tensions. Policymakers must navigate these complexities to achieve a sustainable future.

Question: The primary tone of the passage is:

- A) Alarmist
- B) Optimistic but cautious
- C) Indifferent
- D) Overly critical

Answer: B) Optimistic but cautious

29.

Synonym: *Intransigent*

- A) Flexible
- B) Stubborn
- C) Indifferent
- D) Agreeable

Answer: B) Stubborn

30.

Spot the error:

She not only completed the project in time, but also with exceptional quality.

- A) She not only
- B) completed the project
- C) in time,
- D) but also with exceptional quality

Answer: C) in time (should be *on time*)

31.

Fill in the blank:

The CEO's sudden resignation was as _____ as it was shocking, leaving employees scrambling for answers.

- A) Enigmatic
 - B) Transparent
 - C) Obvious
 - D) Predictable
- Answer: A) Enigmatic
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32.

Cloze Test:

Many economists warn that an unchecked housing boom can _____ a financial crisis, as inflated property prices eventually collapse.

- A) Foreshadow
- B) Prevent
- C) Neutralize

D) Mitigate

Answer: A) Foreshadow

33.

Antonym: *Pulchritude*

A) Beauty

B) Ugliness

C) Grace

D) Attractiveness

Answer: B) Ugliness

34.

Idiom meaning:

"To hit the nail on the head" means:

A) To cause unnecessary damage

B) To be exactly right

C) To make a careless mistake

D) To waste effort

Answer: B) To be exactly right

35.

Phrase Starter & Connector:

"In light of the overwhelming evidence presented, it is reasonable to conclude that _____."

A) further investigation is unnecessary

B) the claims remain unsubstantiated

C) additional data is urgently required

D) the hypothesis holds significant merit

Answer: D) the hypothesis holds significant merit