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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. (Synonym)

Choose the word closest in meaning to “recalcitrant.”

- a) submissive
- b) defiant
- c) cautious
- d) obscure

Answer: b) defiant

2. (Antonym)

Opposite of “abstemious.”

- a) indulgent
- b) austere
- c) moderate
- d) temperate

Answer: a) indulgent

3. (Filler)

The politician’s speech was so _____ that even experts struggled to discern his true stance.

- a) equivocal
- b) candid
- c) lucid

d) trenchant

Answer: a) equivocal

4. (Analogy)

Taciturn : Talkative :: Indolent : ?

a) diligent

b) lethargic

c) apathetic

d) somnolent

Answer: a) diligent

5. (Spot the Error)

Her arguments were not only logical but also persuasively presented.

a) Her arguments

b) were not only

c) but also

d) persuasively presented

Answer: ✓ No error

6. (Word Knowledge)

A person who pretends to have knowledge or skills is a:

a) dilettante

b) charlatan

c) savant

d) polymath

Answer: b) charlatan

7. (Cloze Test)

Although the proposal was initially met with _____, persistent lobbying eventually turned the tide in its _____.

a) skepticism / favor

b) enthusiasm / opposition

c) indifference / neglect

d) acclaim / disrepute

Answer: a) skepticism / favor

8. (Idioms & Phrases)

"To move the goalposts" means:

- a) to shift responsibility
- b) to change rules unfairly
- c) to abandon a task
- d) to procrastinate

Answer: b) to change rules unfairly

9. (Odd One Out)

- a) loquacious
 - b) garrulous
 - c) reticent
 - d) verbose
- Answer: c) reticent
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10. (Phrase Starter / Connector)

"Not until the data was thoroughly analyzed _____."

- a) the error became evident.
- b) did the error become evident.
- c) was the error become evident.
- d) the error was being evident.

Answer: b) did the error become evident.

11. (Synonym)

Closest meaning of "trenchant."

- a) blunt
- b) incisive
- c) vague
- d) weak

Answer: b) incisive

12. (Antonym)

Opposite of "ephemeral."

- a) transient
- b) fleeting
- c) perpetual
- d) momentary

Answer: c) perpetual

13. (Filler)

The general's decision, though harsh, was driven by a _____ calculation of risks rather than sentiment.

- a) dispassionate
- b) capricious
- c) frivolous
- d) impetuous

Answer: a) dispassionate

14. (Analogy)

Ostentatious : Modest :: Garrulous : ?

- a) silent
- b) eloquent
- c) verbose
- d) expressive

Answer: a) silent

15. (Spot the Error)

Neither the manager nor his subordinates is willing to compromise on this issue.

- a) Neither
- b) nor
- c) is willing
- d) compromise

Answer: ✓ No error

16. (Word Knowledge)

A short, wise saying or proverb is a:

- a) maxim
- b) parody
- c) anecdote
- d) satire

Answer: a) maxim

17. (Cloze Test)

Her reputation for integrity was so firmly _____ that even malicious rumors could not _____ it.

- a) rooted / tarnish
 - b) shaken / enhance
 - c) embedded / strengthen
 - d) grounded / obscure
- Answer: a) rooted / tarnish
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18. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To bell the cat” means:

- a) to take a risky responsibility
- b) to waste time
- c) to enjoy luxury
- d) to confront failure

Answer: a) to take a risky responsibility

19. (Odd One Out)

- a) prudent
- b) sagacious
- c) judicious
- d) reckless

Answer: d) reckless

20. (Phrase Starter / Connector)

“Had it not been for his timely intervention, _____.”

- a) the project would have collapsed.
- b) the project collapses.
- c) the project has collapsed.
- d) the project collapsing.

Answer: a) the project would have collapsed.

21. (Synonym)

Choose the word closest in meaning to “pellucid.”

- a) murky
- b) transparent
- c) ambiguous
- d) opaque

Answer: b) transparent

22. (Antonym)

Opposite of "magnanimous."

- a) petty
 - b) generous
 - c) forgiving
 - d) altruistic
- Answer: a) petty
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23. (Filler)

His theory was dismissed as _____, lacking any empirical foundation.

- a) spurious
 - b) cogent
 - c) valid
 - d) robust
- Answer: a) spurious
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24. (Analogy)

Lexicon : Words :: Atlas : ?

- a) planets
 - b) maps
 - c) directions
 - d) countries
- Answer: b) maps
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25. (Spot the Error)

Each of the reports have been carefully examined by the committee.

- a) Each
 - b) of the reports
 - c) have been
 - d) carefully examined
- Answer: c) have been (*Correct: has been*)
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26. (Word Knowledge)

A person who studies ancient writings and inscriptions is called:

- a) numismatist
- b) epigraphist
- c) philatelist

d) ethnographer

Answer: b) epigraphist

27. (Cloze Test)

While his colleagues dismissed the idea as fanciful, he remained _____ convinced of its ultimate _____.

a) firmly / viability

b) barely / futility

c) strongly / impossibility

d) loosely / collapse

Answer: a) firmly / viability

28. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To cry wolf” means:

a) to raise false alarm

b) to show aggression

c) to act foolishly

d) to lose courage

Answer: a) to raise false alarm

29. (Odd One Out)

a) parsimonious

b) miserly

c) spendthrift

d) frugal

Answer: c) spendthrift

30. (Phrase Starter / Connector)

“No sooner had the curtain fallen _____.”

a) then the audience cheered.

b) than the audience cheered.

c) when the audience cheered.

d) the audience cheered then.

Answer: b) than the audience cheered.

31. (Synonym)

Closest meaning of “sagacious.”

- a) foolish
- b) wise
- c) ignorant
- d) frivolous

Answer: b) wise

32. (Antonym)

Opposite of “esoteric.”

- a) arcane
- b) cryptic
- c) obscure
- d) common

Answer: d) common

33. (Filler)

The artist's work was criticized for being overly _____, appealing more to sentiment than intellect.

- a) maudlin
- b) austere
- c) cerebral
- d) detached

Answer: a) maudlin

34. (Word Knowledge)

A person who delights in causing pain to others is a:

- a) hedonist
 - b) sadist
 - c) stoic
 - d) epicure
- Answer: b) sadist
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35. (Passage-Based MCQ, ~150 words)

Passage:

In the modern economy, creativity has supplanted routine labor as the most prized commodity. Yet creativity itself is paradoxical: it thrives under constraints but falters in unchecked freedom.

The most groundbreaking innovations often emerge not from abundance but from scarcity, forcing individuals to recombine limited resources ingeniously. Consequently, nurturing creativity requires more than indulgence—it demands a balance of discipline and liberty, of rules and their transgression.

Question:

What is the central argument of the passage?

- a) Creativity thrives only in abundance.
- b) Constraints are detrimental to creativity.
- c) A balance of freedom and discipline fosters creativity.
- d) Creativity is irrelevant in the modern economy.

Answer: c) A balance of freedom and discipline fosters creativity.