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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 professor's tone was so _____ that even the most inattentive students became alert.

- a) soporific
- b) galvanizing
- c) lethargic
- d) passive

Answer: b) galvanizing

2.

Fill the blank: His constant need to _____ others with exaggerated stories revealed his insecurity.

- a) aggrandize
- b) mollify
- c) placate
- d) nullify

Answer: a) aggrandize

3.

Spot the error:

“The committee has decided to forgoe the annual meeting due to budget constraints.”

- a) committee
- b) has decided
- c) forgoe
- d) due to

Answer: c) forgoe (correct spelling: forgo)

4.

Idiom: “Throw in the towel” means —

- a) Admit defeat
- b) Argue persistently
- c) Begin enthusiastically
- d) Delay action

Answer: a) Admit defeat

5.

Analogy: Ephemeral : Permanent :: Capricious : ?

- a) Steadfast
- b) Erratic
- c) Mercurial
- d) Flighty

Answer: a) Steadfast

6.

Odd one out:

- a) Perfunctory
- b) cursory
- c) Meticulous
- d) Superficial

Answer: c) Meticulous

7.

Synonym of Intransigent:

- a) Flexible
- b) Unyielding
- c) Obedient
- d) Docile

Answer: b) Unyielding

8.

Antonym of Prolific:

- a) Fertile
- b) Barren
- c) Abundant
- d) Generative

Answer: b) Barren

9.

Fill the blank: The scientist's theory, once _____ as radical, is now considered foundational.

- a) derided
- b) exalted
- c) revered
- d) lauded

Answer: a) derided

10.

Spot the error:

"No sooner the train arrived, people rushed towards the compartments."

- a) No sooner
- b) the train arrived

- c) people rushed
- d) towards the compartments

Answer: b) the train arrived (should be: "No sooner *had* the train arrived...")

11.

Phrase Starter: Complete meaningfully —

Hardly had she stepped into the hall...

- a) than the lights went out.
- b) but she refused to sit.
- c) when she avoided the stage.
- d) however the music stopped.

Answer: a) than the lights went out.

12.

The judge's remarks were so _____ that they left no room for appeal.

- a) equivocal
- b) ambivalent
- c) categorical
- d) ambiguous

Answer: c) categorical

13.

Idiom: "To cut the Gordian knot" means —

- a) Create unnecessary trouble
- b) Solve a problem boldly
- c) Avoid responsibility
- d) Delay a decision

Answer: b) Solve a problem boldly

14.

Cloze Test (1 blank):

Despite his _____ approach, the negotiation ended in failure because of his partner's stubbornness.

- a) conciliatory
- b) belligerent
- c) hostile
- d) rigid

Answer: a) conciliatory

15.

Synonym of Ubiquitous:

- a) Rare
- b) Omnipresent
- c) Sparse
- d) Elusive

Answer: b) Omnipresent

16.

Antonym of Obfuscate:

- a) Conceal
- b) Clarify
- c) Confuse
- d) Complicate

Answer: b) Clarify

17.

Fill the blank: The revolutionary's ideas, though once _____, later became mainstream.

- a) heretical
- b) orthodox
- c) banal
- d) conventional

Answer: a) heretical

18.

Spot the error:

“Neither the students nor the teacher were prepared for the sudden inspection.”

- a) Neither
- b) nor the teacher
- c) were prepared
- d) sudden inspection

Answer: c) were prepared (should be: “was prepared”)

19.

Odd one out:

- a) Sagacious
- b) Prudent
- c) Imprudent
- d) Judicious

Answer: c) Imprudent

20.

Analogy: Parsimony : Miserly :: Magnanimity : ?

- a) Generosity
- b) Meanness
- c) Greed
- d) Wealth

Answer: a) Generosity

21.

Fill the blank: The new policy was met with widespread _____ from environmental groups.

- a) approbation
- b) condemnation

- c) admiration
- d) endorsement

Answer: b) condemnation

22.

Synonym of Recalcitrant:

- a) Obedient
- b) Defiant
- c) Compliant
- d) Submissive

Answer: b) Defiant

23.

Antonym of Taciturn:

- a) Reserved
- b) Reticent
- c) Garrulous
- d) Withdrawn

Answer: c) Garrulous

24.

Fill the blank: His argument was weakened by its _____ assumptions.

- a) tenuous
- b) strong
- c) cogent
- d) firm

Answer: a) tenuous

25.

Passage (100 words):

During the Renaissance, art was not merely a matter of aesthetics but also a political tool. Rulers commissioned elaborate paintings and sculptures to project power and legitimacy. Similarly, the Church employed religious art to reinforce doctrine and authority. Yet, many artists subtly embedded humanist themes, reflecting the growing emphasis on individual potential. Thus, Renaissance art straddled the line between propaganda and personal expression.

Question: What best describes the dual role of Renaissance art?

- a) Decorative and ornamental
- b) Propagandistic and expressive
- c) Scientific and logical
- d) Restrictive and dogmatic

Answer: b) Propagandistic and expressive

26.

Idiom: "To burn the midnight oil" means —

- a) Waste time
- b) Work late into the night
- c) Lose opportunities
- d) Start over again

Answer: b) Work late into the night

27.

Analogy: Loquacious : Silent :: Ephemeral : ?

- a) Eternal
- b) Brief
- c) Temporary
- d) Momentary

Answer: a) Eternal

28.

Spot the error:

“Scarcely I had finished speaking when the lights went out.”

- a) Scarcely
- b) I had
- c) finished speaking
- d) lights went out

Answer: b) I had (should be: “Scarcely *had* I finished speaking...”)

29.

Fill the blank: The CEO’s speech was filled with _____ rather than substantive points.

- a) platitudes
- b) insights
- c) revelations
- d) discoveries

Answer: a) platitudes

30.

Synonym of Cacophony:

- a) Harmony
- b) Dissonance
- c) Melody
- d) Symphony

Answer: b) Dissonance

31.

Antonym of Fastidious:

- a) Meticulous
- b) Careless
- c) Exacting
- d) Scrupulous

Answer: b) Careless

32.

Odd one out:

- a) Candor
- b) Honesty
- c) Deceit
- d) Frankness

Answer: c) Deceit

33.

Fill the blank: The novel's protagonist is a _____ character, torn between duty and passion.

- a) conflicted
- b) resolute
- c) steadfast
- d) decisive

Answer: a) conflicted

34.

Phrase Starter: Complete meaningfully —

Barely had the bell rung...

- a) when the students rushed out.
- b) however the teacher stayed.
- c) but the silence deepened.
- d) although they remained seated.

Answer: a) when the students rushed out.

35.

Passage (120 words):

The digital revolution has transformed not only commerce but also communication. While platforms provide unprecedented connectivity, they also amplify misinformation. The viral spread of falsehoods often outpaces corrections, leaving lasting impressions. Policymakers struggle to balance free expression with safeguards against manipulation. The dilemma is acute: excessive regulation stifles speech, yet unchecked platforms can corrode trust. The public, meanwhile, must cultivate discernment to navigate the flood of information.

Question: According to the passage, what is the primary challenge of digital platforms?

- a) Excessive government control
- b) Balancing free speech and misinformation
- c) Lack of global access
- d) Decline in technological innovation

Answer: b) Balancing free speech and misinformation