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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. Her explanation was so tortuous that the audience became visibly confused.
What does *tortuous* most nearly mean?

- A. Unethical
- B. Winding and complex
- C. Straightforward
- D. Dull and repetitive

Answer: B. Winding and complex

2. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to *placate*?

- A. Soothe
- B. Mollify
- C. Agitate
- D. Console

Answer: C. Agitate

3. Choose the best usage of “prolific”:

- A. He was a prolific in his retirement investments.
- B. She is a prolific artist, producing dozens of paintings each year.
- C. Their prolific of the data was incorrect.
- D. The prolific was removed from the discussion.

Answer: B. She is a prolific artist, producing dozens of paintings each year.

4. Select the correct analogy:

Obfuscate is to clarity as:

- A. Illuminate is to darkness
- B. Complicate is to confusion
- C. Reveal is to honesty
- D. Misdirect is to focus

Answer: D. Misdirect is to focus

5. "His speech was filled with vitriol, leaving the audience stunned."

What does *vitriol* imply?

- A. Wisdom
- B. Insults
- C. Humor
- D. Sincerity

Answer: B. Insults

6. Which of the following words has the most negative connotation?

- A. Ambitious
- B. Assertive
- C. Pugnacious
- D. Driven

Answer: C. Pugnacious

7. Identify the word most associated with religious reverence:

- A. Sanctimonious
- B. Sacrosanct
- C. Secular
- D. Heretical

Answer: B. Sacrosanct

8. Which sentence uses “spurious” correctly?

- A. The scientist rejected the spurious data due to its questionable origin.
- B. He gave a spurious effort at the gym today.
- C. They had a spurious celebration to honor the event.
- D. She felt spurious after the workout.

Answer: A. The scientist rejected the spurious data due to its questionable origin.

9. What is the best synonym of “epiphany” in the context of personal realization?

- A. Collapse
- B. Revelation
- C. Repetition
- D. Memory

Answer: B. Revelation

10. “A belligerent tone in negotiation can lead to a breakdown in dialogue.”

What does *belligerent* mean?

- A. Hopeful
- B. Peaceful
- C. Aggressive
- D. Persuasive

Answer: C. Aggressive

11. Which of the following is the most likely antonym of *transient*?

- A. Brief
- B. Temporal
- C. Permanent
- D. Fleeting

Answer: C. Permanent

12. The professor's discursive lecture wandered through philosophy, economics, and art.

What does *discursive* mean here?

- A. Focused
- B. Incoherent
- C. Rambling
- D. Technical

Answer: C. Rambling

13. Choose the sentence that uses "reticent" correctly:

- A. He was reticent to criticize her publicly.
- B. She reticent herself before giving the speech.
- C. They showed reticent pride after winning.
- D. His reticent was obvious in the debate.

Answer: A. He was reticent to criticize her publicly.

14. What does the word abnegation most nearly mean?

- A. Celebration
- B. Denial or rejection
- C. Clarification
- D. Correction

Answer: B. Denial or rejection

15. A laconic reply is:

- A. Wordy and detailed
- B. Brief and concise
- C. Unclear and confusing
- D. Off-topic and misleading

Answer: B. Brief and concise

16. "Her enthusiasm was contagious, inspiring everyone around her."

What figure of speech is used here?

- A. Simile
- B. Hyperbole
- C. Metaphor
- D. Irony

Answer: C. Metaphor

17. Which form of "ubiquity" fits the sentence?

"Social media's _____ in modern life cannot be denied."

- A. Ubiquitous
- B. Ubiquity
- C. Ubiquinate
- D. Ubiquinated

Answer: B. Ubiquity

18. The most appropriate synonym for "sagacious" is:

- A. Timid
- B. Wise
- C. Curious
- D. Passive

Answer: B. Wise

19. Choose the correct sentence using “apocryphal”:

- A. The apocryphal recipe won the award.
- B. He cited apocryphal sources to support his argument.
- C. The apocryphal of the region is famous.
- D. She apocryphalized the painting in her speech.

Answer: B. He cited apocryphal sources to support his argument.

20. A moribund industry is:

- A. Growing quickly
- B. Tech-savvy
- C. Dying or stagnant
- D. Resourceful

Answer: C. Dying or stagnant

21. Choose the word most related to pretentious display of knowledge:

- A. Erudite
- B. Didactic
- C. Pedantic
- D. Prolific

Answer: C. Pedantic

22. Which of the following phrases misuses “caveat”?

- A. She accepted the deal with a caveat about the deadline.
- B. The lawyer added a caveat to the contract.
- C. He gave me caveat about traffic conditions.
- D. Always include a caveat in verbal agreements.

Answer: C. He gave me caveat about traffic conditions.

23. The antonym of magnanimous is:

- A. Generous
- B. Petty
- C. Benevolent
- D. Altruistic

Answer: B. Petty

24. What is the meaning of “ennui”?

- A. Physical illness
- B. Intense curiosity
- C. Boredom due to lack of stimulation
- D. Nostalgic yearning

Answer: C. Boredom due to lack of stimulation

25. What does “quotidian” most nearly mean?

- A. Rare
- B. Daily
- C. Historic
- D. Theoretical

Answer: B. Daily

26. The correct plural of “thesis” is:

- A. Theses
- B. Thesises
- C. Thesae
- D. Thesis

Answer: A. Theses

27. Choose the most accurate synonym of “abstruse”:

- A. Shallow
- B. Easy
- C. Obscure
- D. Transparent

Answer: C. Obscure

28. A panegyric is:

- A. A complaint
- B. A funeral chant
- C. A formal praise
- D. A negotiation document

Answer: C. A formal praise

29. Which word best fits this sentence:

“The speaker’s _____ tone alienated even his supporters.”

- A. Conciliatory
- B. Dogmatic
- C. Jovial
- D. Eloquent

Answer: B. Dogmatic

30. What is the tone of this word: “incendiary”?

- A. Soothing
- B. Provocative
- C. Scientific
- D. Uplifting

Answer: B. Provocative

31. Select the correct word form:

“His _____ undermined his ability to lead effectively.”

- A. Obsequious
- B. Obsequiousness
- C. Obsequency
- D. Obsequiosity

Answer: B. Obsequiousness

32. Select the odd one out (in meaning):

- A. Rescind
- B. Revoke
- C. Enact
- D. Annul

Answer: C. Enact

33. What does it mean to be quixotic?

- A. Cynical and bitter
- B. Realistic and practical
- C. Idealistic but impractical
- D. Calculated and precise

Answer: C. Idealistic but impractical

34. A person who is inveterate is:

- A. Temporarily interested
- B. Habitual
- C. Recently converted
- D. Deceitful

Answer: B. Habitual

35. What does “sine qua non” mean?

- A. A minor component
- B. A conditional clause
- C. An essential element
- D. A legal loophole

Answer: C. An essential element