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### 35 Daily Vocabulary MCQs

Vocab Level: Graduate (05), Post-Graduate(20), Doctorate (10)

Score (Out of 35):

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#### 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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#### ◆ Graduate Level (5 MCQs)

1. Which of the following best defines the word *mitigate*?  
A) Aggravate  
B) Lessen the severity  
C) Postpone  
D) Celebrate  
Answer: B
2. Which sentence uses *lucid* correctly?  
A) She gave a lucid explanation of the complex theory.  
B) His lucid mind was too exhausted to continue.  
C) The lucid forest frightened everyone.  
D) The lucid party lasted all night.  
Answer: A
3. The word *inept* most closely means:  
A) Skilled  
B) Experienced  
C) Incompetent  
D) Agile  
Answer: C
4. Choose the best synonym for *candid*:  
A) Reserved

- B) Honest
  - C) Evasive
  - D) Unclear
- Answer: B

5. Which word fits this sentence? "The teacher's \_\_\_\_\_ tone encouraged the students to try again."
- A) Derisive
  - B) Pedantic
  - C) Encouraging
  - D) Belligerent
- Answer: C

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◆ **Post-Graduate Level (20 MCQs)**

6. The term *cacophony* refers to:
- A) Harmonious sound
  - B) Loud, jarring noise
  - C) Silence
  - D) Whisper
- Answer: B
7. Which word is most opposite in meaning to *spurious*?
- A) Fraudulent
  - B) Authentic
  - C) Deceptive
  - D) Shady
- Answer: B
8. Select the sentence that best illustrates the word *esoteric*:
- A) The comedian's jokes were loved by everyone.
  - B) The philosopher's ideas were so esoteric, only scholars understood them.
  - C) Her actions were widely accepted in society.
  - D) He always made practical and easy-to-understand points.
- Answer: B
9. Which term means "an unpredictable and erratic change" in behavior or conditions?
- A) Equanimity
  - B) Caprice
  - C) Reprieve
  - D) Fidelity

Answer: B

10. Which of the following is *least likely* to be described as *voracious*?

- A) A reader who finishes five books a week
- B) A child devouring their meal
- C) A sleepy student during a boring lecture
- D) A predator in search of prey

Answer: C

11. Identify the correct use of *magnanimous*:

- A) She was magnanimous in forgiving his mistake.
- B) He was magnanimous about his tight budget.
- C) The magnanimous architecture amazed all visitors.
- D) Their magnanimous performance earned applause.

Answer: A

12. To *exacerbate* a situation is to:

- A) Improve it
- B) Maintain it
- C) Worsen it
- D) Hide it

Answer: C

13. Which word best fits this sentence: "Her explanation was so \_\_\_\_\_ that even experts were confused"?

- A) Cogent
- B) Lucid
- C) Incoherent
- D) Eloquent

Answer: C

14. The word *recalcitrant* most closely refers to someone who:

- A) Always obeys
- B) Is extremely shy
- C) Resists authority
- D) Loves to teach

Answer: C

15. Which of the following words suggests a temporary pause in activity?

- A) Hiatus
- B) Culmination
- C) Ascension
- D) Rebellion

Answer: A

16. A person described as *pragmatic* is likely to be:

- A) Overly idealistic
- B) Logical and practical
- C) Emotionally reactive
- D) Quick-tempered

Answer: B

17. Choose the correct use of *ubiquitous*:

- A) Ubiquitous ideas are seldom seen in history.
- B) Her presence was so ubiquitous that she was barely noticed.
- C) Cellphones have become ubiquitous in modern life.
- D) The food had a ubiquitous flavor.

Answer: C

18. Which sentence best shows the meaning of *alacrity*?

- A) She walked slowly, full of doubt.
- B) He completed the task with alacrity and enthusiasm.
- C) They refused with alacrity.
- D) The dog barked with alacrity.

Answer: B

19. Which term refers to an outward appearance deliberately maintained to conceal a less pleasant reality?

- A) Facade
- B) Zenith
- C) Morass
- D) Quagmire

Answer: A

20. The best antonym for *prolific* is:

- A) Unproductive
- B) Excessive
- C) Creative
- D) Abundant

Answer: A

21. A *didactic* novel is likely to:

- A) Entertain without purpose
- B) Confuse readers with abstract language
- C) Teach a moral lesson
- D) Focus purely on romance

Answer: C

22. Which word means “habitually silent or reserved”?

- A) Taciturn
- B) Garrulous
- C) Prosaic
- D) Sardonic

Answer: A

23. Which pair of words are most nearly opposite?

- A) Flagrant – Blatant
- B) Equanimity – Agitation
- C) Mundane – Routine
- D) Bellicose – Aggressive

Answer: B

24. Identify the *grammatically incorrect* sentence:

- A) The theory is both radical and revolutionary.
- B) He neither talks nor listens.
- C) She not only sings but also dancing.
- D) They came, they saw, they conquered.

Answer: C

25. What is the meaning of *sycophant*?

- A) A government official
- B) A person who flatters to gain favor
- C) A tyrant
- D) A scholar

Answer: B

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◆ **Doctorate Level (10 MCQs)**

26. The term *pellucid* is best defined as:

- A) Slightly blurry
- B) Crystal clear in meaning or form
- C) Opaque in intent
- D) Visually disturbing

Answer: B

27. In philosophical discourse, the *teleological* argument refers to:

- A) An appeal to emotion

- B) Reasoning from purpose or design
- C) A cyclical cause-and-effect loop
- D) A rejection of logic

Answer: B

28. Which best reflects the tone of *invective*?

- A) Encouraging and warm
- B) Insulting and abusive
- C) Sarcastic yet playful
- D) Formal and respectful

Answer: B

29. A *quixotic* approach is one that is:

- A) Based on thorough research
- B) Unrealistically idealistic
- C) Entirely emotional
- D) Mathematically sound

Answer: B

30. The phrase *cognitive dissonance* refers to:

- A) A psychological balance
- B) A mental disorder
- C) A conflict between beliefs and actions
- D) A lucid form of reasoning

Answer: C

31. Which of the following best defines *puerile*?

- A) Wise beyond years
- B) Childishly silly or trivial
- C) Deeply philosophical
- D) Bold and brave

Answer: B

32. Identify the correct use of *abstruse*:

- A) The poem was so abstruse, even professors debated its meaning.
- B) Her thoughts were abstruse and highly logical.
- C) He was abstruse at his emotions.
- D) The professor abstrused his lecture notes.

Answer: A

33. Which phrase uses *jejune* properly?

- A) His speech was jejune, rich in style and flair.
- B) The book was dismissed as jejune and lacking substance.
- C) The jejune sunset left us speechless.

D) They enjoyed the jejune humor in the satire.

Answer: B

34. Which of the following is *most opposite* in meaning to *solipsism*?

A) Materialism

B) Altruism

C) Individualism

D) Isolation

Answer: B

35. Which usage of *recondite* is most accurate?

A) The recondite beauty of the garden was undeniable.

B) The article explored recondite theories that only a few scholars understood.

C) He was recondite in emotions but expressive in writing.

D) Their recondite relationship shocked the media.

Answer: B