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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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**1. (Filler)**

The professor's argument was dismissed as \_\_\_\_\_, lacking both rigor and relevance.

- a) cogent
- b) tenuous
- c) trenchant
- d) astute

Answer: b) tenuous

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**2. (Word Knowledge)**

The word "recondite" is closest in meaning to:

- a) obscure
- b) blatant
- c) transparent
- d) shallow

Answer: a) obscure

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**3. (Antonym)**

Choose the opposite of "munificent."

- a) generous

- b) stingy
  - c) charitable
  - d) lavish
- Answer: b) stingy
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#### 4. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Permanent :: Fragile : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) enduring
  - b) brittle
  - c) temporary
  - d) fleeting
- Answer: a) enduring
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#### 5. (Odd one out)

Identify the word that does NOT belong.

- a) voracious
  - b) insatiable
  - c) rapacious
  - d) magnanimous
- Answer: d) magnanimous
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#### 6. (Phrase Starter)

Choose the best continuation:

“Not only did the committee reject the proposal...”

- a) but it also suggested stronger alternatives.
- b) also rejecting further debate.
- c) but neither were they willing to discuss.
- d) but it too rejected itself.

Answer: a) but it also suggested stronger alternatives.

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#### 7. (Cloze Test)

The scientist's work, though initially dismissed, later became the \_\_\_\_\_ of a new discipline, shaping research agendas for decades.

- a) catalyst
  - b) epitome
  - c) antithesis
  - d) derivative
- Answer: a) catalyst
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## 8. (Spot the Error)

She refrained to comment on the controversial matter, fearing political backlash.

- a) refrained to comment
- b) fearing political backlash
- c) controversial matter
- d) No error

Answer: a) refrained to comment → correct: refrained *from commenting*

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## 9. (Synonym)

“Perfunctory” most nearly means:

- a) enthusiastic
- b) mechanical
- c) deliberate
- d) careful

Answer: b) mechanical

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## 10. (Idioms and Phrases)

“To move the goalposts” means:

- a) To end an argument abruptly
- b) To change rules unfairly
- c) To score at any cost
- d) To evade responsibility

Answer: b) To change rules unfairly

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## 11. (Analogy)

Obdurate : Flexible :: Pedantic : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) meticulous

- b) broad-minded
  - c) fussy
  - d) scholarly
- Answer: b) broad-minded
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## 12. (Filler)

The \_\_\_\_\_ applause suggested not genuine admiration but rather a polite obligation.

- a) thunderous
  - b) perfunctory
  - c) rapturous
  - d) effusive
- Answer: b) perfunctory
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## 13. (Word Knowledge)

The word “pellucid” means:

- a) transparent and clear
  - b) confusing and vague
  - c) strong and resilient
  - d) hidden and obscure
- Answer: a) transparent and clear
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## 14. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of “ubiquitous.”

- a) omnipresent
  - b) absent
  - c) scattered
  - d) global
- Answer: b) absent
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## 15. (Odd one out)

- a) ephemeral
- b) transient
- c) eternal

d) evanescent

Answer: c) eternal

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### 16. (Phrase Connector)

Select the best completion:

“Although the evidence was circumstantial,...”

a) it sufficed to secure a conviction.

b) there is no reason to assume so.

c) hence, no charges were filed.

d) both the defense and prosecution agreed it was concrete.

Answer: a) it sufficed to secure a conviction.

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### 17. (Spot the Error)

Neither the Prime Minister nor his cabinet were willing to compromise.

a) Neither the Prime Minister

b) nor his cabinet

c) were willing

d) No error

Answer: c) were willing → correct: *was willing*

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### 18. (Synonym)

“Vituperative” most nearly means:

a) flattering

b) abusive

c) cautious

d) neutral

Answer: b) abusive

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### 19. (Idioms and Phrases)

“To weather the storm” means:

a) To predict the future

b) To survive a crisis

c) To change quickly

d) To deceive others

Answer: b) To survive a crisis

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## 20. (Analogy)

Profligate : Thrifty :: Garrulous : \_\_\_\_\_

a) laconic

b) verbose

c) eloquent

d) articulate

Answer: a) laconic

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## 21. (Cloze Test)

The author's style, rich in metaphor and allusion, proved too \_\_\_\_\_ for readers seeking simple exposition.

a) esoteric

b) lucid

c) banal

d) concise

Answer: a) esoteric

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## 22. (Filler)

Her analysis was \_\_\_\_\_, cutting through the complexity to reveal the underlying truth.

a) trenchant

b) nebulous

c) diffuse

d) opaque

Answer: a) trenchant

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## 23. (Word Knowledge)

The word "pusillanimous" means:

a) brave

b) cowardly

c) arrogant

d) violent  
Answer: b) cowardly

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#### 24. (Spot the Error)

The team leader insisted that each member submit their report individually.

- a) team leader insisted
- b) each member
- c) submit their report
- d) No error

Answer: c) submit their report → correct: *submit his or her report*

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#### 25. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of “indolent.”

- a) diligent
- b) lethargic
- c) apathetic
- d) sluggish

Answer: a) diligent

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#### 26. (Odd one out)

- a) loquacious
- b) taciturn
- c) garrulous
- d) verbose

Answer: b) taciturn

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#### 27. (Analogy)

Capricious : Predictable :: Pernicious : \_\_\_\_\_

- a) harmful
- b) benign
- c) dangerous
- d) malignant

Answer: b) benign

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## 28. (Idioms and Phrases)

“To play devil’s advocate” means:

- a) To support evil intentions
- b) To argue against for the sake of debate
- c) To mislead intentionally
- d) To reject sound advice

Answer: b) To argue against for the sake of debate

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## 29. (Filler)

The CEO’s \_\_\_\_\_ disregard for ethical practices led to widespread condemnation.

- a) flagrant
- b) obscure
- c) tenuous
- d) latent

Answer: a) flagrant

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## 30. (Word Knowledge)

The word “apocryphal” means:

- a) authentic
- b) doubtful
- c) sacred
- d) verifiable

Answer: b) doubtful

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## 31. (Synonym)

“Ebullient” most nearly means:

- a) gloomy
- b) enthusiastic
- c) reluctant
- d) restrained

Answer: b) enthusiastic

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### 32. (Passage-based — 120 words)

Passage:

Scientific progress often advances through disruptive insights that initially encounter resistance. Thinkers who question entrenched paradigms risk ridicule, but their perseverance can yield revolutions in thought. However, when ideas are celebrated without scrutiny, pseudo-science may masquerade as discovery. Thus, a balance is essential: skepticism tempers enthusiasm, and enthusiasm prevents paralysis.

Question:

The passage primarily emphasizes:

- a) The necessity of skepticism in science
- b) The dangers of pseudo-science
- c) The interplay of skepticism and enthusiasm in progress
- d) The ridicule faced by innovators

Answer: c) The interplay of skepticism and enthusiasm in progress

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### 33. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of “acrimonious.”

- a) bitter
- b) amicable
- c) hostile
- d) severe

Answer: b) amicable

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### 34. (Phrase Connector)

Choose the best completion:

“Inasmuch as the evidence points to negligence,...”

- a) we cannot hold the accused responsible.
- b) it is imperative to conduct a retrial.
- c) the conclusion remains beyond dispute.
- d) the matter requires diplomatic intervention.

Answer: b) it is imperative to conduct a retrial.

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35. (Odd one out)

a) sagacious

b) prudent

c) myopic

d) judicious

Answer: c) myopic

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