

# 2026 Civil Service Exam of the Philippines Vocabulary Review

Vocabulary · Answer Key · 52 Questions

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## 1. Select the best synonym for "ELOQUENT."

- A) Fluent**
- B) Mute
- C) Silent
- D) Quiet

## 2. What is the meaning of "ALTRUISTIC"?

- A) Self-serving
- B) Generous**
- C) Selfish
- D) Envious

## 3. Select the best antonym for "BENEVOLENT."

- A) Kind
- B) Cruel**
- C) Generous
- D) Friendly

## 4. What is the meaning of "PRAGMATIC"?

- A) Idealistic
- B) Realistic**
- C) Dreamy
- D) Theoretical

## 5. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: "Her \_\_\_ behavior at the party was surprising."

- A) Serious
- B) Frivolous**
- C) Quiet
- D) Calm

## 6. Select the best synonym for "AMBIGUOUS."

- A) Definite
- B) Unclear**
- C) Certain
- D) Precise

7. What is the meaning of "INDIGENOUS"?

A) Imported

**B) Native**

C) Foreign

D) Alien

8. What is the meaning of "TRANSPARENT" in the context of information?

A) Hidden

**B) Clear**

C) Confusing

D) Opaque

9. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: "His approach to the negotiation was very \_\_\_\_."

A) Aggressive

**B) Diplomatic**

C) Hostile

D) Angry

10. Select the best synonym for "UNPRECEDENTED."

A) Typical

**B) Novel**

C) Common

D) Ordinary

11. What is the meaning of "METICULOUS"?

A) Careless

**B) Thorough**

C) Sloppy

D) Hasty

12. Select the best antonym for "FRUGAL."

A) Thrifty

**B) Wasteful**

C) Economical

D) Saving

13. What is the meaning of "RESILIENT"?

A) Weak

**B) Tough**

C) Fragile

D) Delicate

14. Select the best synonym for "ARDUOUS."

- A) Easy
- B) Difficult**
- C) Simple
- D) Pleasant

15. What is the meaning of "CONSENSUS"?

- A) Argument
- B) Agreement**
- C) Disagreement
- D) Conflict

16. What is the meaning of "BUREAUCRACY"?

- A) A system of elected officials
- B) A complex system of administration**
- C) A single leader
- D) A free market

17. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: "There was a moment of \_\_\_\_ before she answered."

- A) Confidence
- B) Hesitation**
- C) Certainty
- D) Boldness

18. Select the best synonym for "INTEGRITY."

- A) Corruption
- B) Honesty**
- C) Dishonesty
- D) Deceit

19. Select the best antonym for "IMPARTIAL."

- A) Fair
- B) Biased**
- C) Just
- D) Objective

20. What is the meaning of "JURISDICTION"?

- A) A type of legal procedure
- B) The official power to make legal decisions and judgments**
- C) A historical document
- D) A legal defense

21. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: "His style of leadership was rather \_\_\_\_."

- A) Democratic
- B) Dictatorial**
- C) Collaborative
- D) Inclusive

22. Select the best synonym for "ETHICAL."

- A) Immoral
- B) Moral**
- C) Dishonest
- D) Unprincipled

23. Select the best antonym for "ACCOMMODATE."

- A) Adjust
- B) Hinder**
- C) Adapt
- D) Assist

24. What is the meaning of "RATIFY"?

- A) To reject formally
- B) To approve formally**
- C) To ignore
- D) To oppose

25. Select the best synonym for "EXPEDITE."

- A) Postpone
- B) Speed up**
- C) Delay
- D) Slow down

26. What is the meaning of "PROTOCOL"?

- A) A series of computer instructions
- B) A set of rules or procedures**
- C) A type of scientific equipment
- D) A historical event

27. Choose the word that means "fear of crowds."

- A) Acrophobia
- B) Claustrophobia
- C) Agoraphobia**
- D) Hydrophobia

28. What is the antonym of "AFFLUENT"?

- A) Prosperous
- B) Wealthy
- C) Poor**
- D) Rich

29. Select the meaning of "BLASPHEMY."

- A) Worship
- B) Sacrilege**
- C) Devotion
- D) Prayer

30. What does "CATEGORICAL" mean?

- A) Uncertain
- B) Absolute**
- C) Vague
- D) Doubtful

31. Choose the synonym for "VERBOSE."

- A) Brief
- B) Wordy**
- C) Concise
- D) Laconic

32. What is the meaning of "PARADIGM"?

- A) Model**
- B) Example
- C) Anomaly
- D) Deviation

33. Select the word that means "fear of heights."

- A) Agoraphobia
- B) Claustrophobia
- C) Acrophobia**
- D) Arachnophobia

34. Choose the word that means "a person who loves books."

- A) Bibliophile**
- B) Misogynist
- C) Philanthropist
- D) Autocrat

35. Which word means "to give up a throne or power voluntarily"?

**A) Abdicate**

B) Resign

C) Retire

D) Abjure

36. What does "EPHEMERAL" mean?

A) Lasting

**B) Fleeting**

C) Permanent

D) Eternal

37. Choose the correct meaning of "OMNIPOTENT."

A) All-seeing

B) All-knowing

**C) All-powerful**

D) Everywhere

38. What does "SURREPTITIOUS" mean?

A) Open

**B) Secret**

C) Obvious

D) Public

39. Select the synonym for "TENACIOUS."

A) Weak

**B) Persistent**

C) Yielding

D) Lax

40. What is the meaning of "UBIQUITOUS"?

A) Scattered

**B) Widespread**

C) Rare

D) Limited

41. Choose the antonym of "PRAGMATIC."

A) Realistic

**B) Idealistic**

C) Practical

D) Sensible

42. What does "NOCTURNAL" mean?

- A) Monthly
- B) Active at night**
- C) Active during the day
- D) Related to the sun

43. Choose the synonym for "DELETERIOUS."

- A) Beneficial
- B) Harmful**
- C) Helpful
- D) Positive

44. What is the meaning of "ENIGMATIC"?

- A) Clear
- B) Mysterious**
- C) Obvious
- D) Simple

45. Select the antonym of "FASTIDIOUS."

- A) Particular
- B) Careless**
- C) Meticulous
- D) Scrupulous

46. What does "GREGARIOUS" mean?

- A) Lonely
- B) Sociable**
- C) Reserved
- D) Introverted

47. Choose the correct meaning of "HIERARCHY."

- A) Equality
- B) A system of ranking**
- C) Chaos
- D) Uniformity

48. What is the synonym for "INADVERTENT"?

- A) Deliberate
- B) Accidental**
- C) Intentional
- D) Planned

**49. Select the antonym of "JOVIAL"?**

- A) Merry
- B) Gloomy**
- C) Cheerful
- D) Happy

**50. What does "KINETIC" mean?**

- A) Stationary
- B) Relating to motion**
- C) At rest
- D) Still

**51. Choose the meaning of "LAUDABLE."**

- A) Praiseworthy**
- B) Blameworthy
- C) Unimportant
- D) Trivial

**52. Select the correct definition based on context: "His voice was HARSH and grating."**

- A) Soft and pleasant
- B) Loud and clear
- C) Unpleasant and rough**
- D) Melodious