

ECPE Vocabulary Practice Test

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The vocabulary section of the Michigan ECPE test can seem a bit tough at first, especially if you're not used to questions that demand very precise word choices. But doing well isn't about memorizing long lists of words. It's about [understanding how words actually work](#) in real sentences and situations.

In this pdf, you'll get a ECPE vocabulary quiz with 30 questions designed to feel just like the real exam. The ECPE doesn't ask direct questions like "choose the synonym" or "find the meaning." Instead, it uses **fill-in-the-blank** questions. That means you need to know not just what a word means, but how it fits naturally in a sentence.

The vocabulary used in the ECPE is at the **C2 level** of the CEFR scale, which is quite advanced. So you can't expect to score well just by memorizing definitions—you need to understand usage and tone, too.

Must Read: [ECPE Vocabulary List of 215 Words \(Printable pdf\) - 2025](#)

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1. The journalist's _____ reporting on the scandal eventually led to the minister's resignation.

A. tenacious

B. cordial

C. benign

D. nominal

2. Despite the team's initial enthusiasm, their efforts to complete the project began to _____ as deadlines approached.

- A. proliferate
- B. expedite
- C. wane
- D. burgeon

3. The committee decided to _____ the outdated policy that had been causing confusion among employees.

- A. abrogate
- B. perpetuate
- C. vindicate
- D. advocate

4. Her _____ nature made her the perfect candidate for the diplomatic position in the volatile region.

- A. volatile
- B. sanguine
- C. caustic
- D. mercurial

5. The author's use of _____ language throughout the novel created an atmosphere of foreboding.

- A. lucid
- B. prosaic

- C. euphoric
- D. ominous

6. The scientist's theory was met with _____ from the academic community, who questioned its validity.

- A. incredulity
- B. veneration
- C. alacrity
- D. compliance

7. The CEO's _____ spending habits eventually bankrupted the company.

- A. frugal
- B. judicious
- C. prudent
- D. profligate

8. The defendant's lawyer argued that the evidence was merely _____ and insufficient for conviction.

- A. substantive
- B. compelling
- C. irrefutable
- D. circumstantial

9. The politician's _____ remarks during the debate alienated many potential voters.

- A. diplomatic
- B. incendiary

- C. conciliatory
- D. measured

10. After years of neglect, the mansion had fallen into a state of _____.

- A. opulence
- B. prosperity
- C. dilapidation
- D. refinement

11. The professor's lecture was so _____ that several students struggled to stay awake.

- A. riveting
- B. soporific
- C. stimulating
- D. provocative

12. The lawyer attempted to _____ her client's reputation by presenting evidence of his charitable work.

- A. tarnish
- B. besmirch
- C. malign
- D. rehabilitate

13. The researcher's findings served to _____ the long-held theory about climate patterns.

- A. refute
- B. contradict

- C. challenge
- D. corroborate

14. His _____ lifestyle, filled with excess and indulgence, eventually took a toll on his health.

- A. ascetic
- B. hedonistic
- C. austere
- D. spartan

15. The company's new policy was designed to _____ productivity across all departments.

- A. hinder
- B. stifle
- C. impede
- D. enhance

16. The archaeologist made a _____ discovery that challenged existing theories about ancient civilizations.

- A. trivial
- B. mundane
- C. groundbreaking
- D. inconsequential

17. The witness's testimony was _____ by video evidence from security cameras.

- A. contradicted
- B. substantiated

- C. disputed
- D. undermined

18. The artist's work was considered _____ by critics who appreciated its bold departure from tradition.

- A. conventional
- B. derivative
- C. orthodox
- D. avant-garde

19. The manager's _____ approach to problem-solving helped resolve the conflict between team members.

- A. pragmatic
- B. dogmatic
- C. idealistic
- D. rigid

20. The novel's protagonist exhibited _____ behavior, constantly changing his mind about his goals.

- A. capricious
- B. steadfast
- C. resolute
- D. unwavering

21. The government's decision to _____ funding for education sparked widespread protests.

- A. augment
- B. boost

- C. curtail
- D. amplify

22. The speaker's _____ manner made the complex topic accessible to the general audience.

- A. pompous
- B. pretentious
- C. obscure
- D. affable

23. The defendant showed no _____ for his actions, which influenced the judge's sentencing decision.

- A. remorse
- B. pride
- C. satisfaction
- D. defiance

24. The historian worked to _____ the myth that had persisted for generations about the battle.

- A. propagate
- B. debunk
- C. promote
- D. endorse

25. The committee's recommendations were largely _____, offering little practical guidance.

- A. concrete

- B. nebulous
- C. specific
- D. explicit

26. The athlete's _____ recovery from injury surprised medical professionals.

- A. phenomenal
- B. sluggish
- C. gradual
- D. typical

27. The writer's _____ prose style made her essays particularly engaging to read.

- A. turgid
- B. eloquent
- C. labored
- D. convoluted

28. The company decided to _____ its partnership with the supplier

after discovering quality issues.

- A. strengthen
- B. renew
- C. terminate
- D. extend

29. The politician's speech was filled with _____ statements designed to appeal to emotions rather than logic.

- A. analytical
- B. rational
- C. inflammatory
- D. objective

30. The museum's new exhibit aims to _____ awareness about environmental conservation.

- A. diminish
- B. galvanize
- C. suppress
- D. undermine

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