ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

400 Must Have Words for the TOEFL LESSON 17 – Military Operations Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

1. Find the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the opposite of each word or phrase.

cease
✓ **C) continue**
To **cease** means to stop doing something, so its opposite is **continue**. Example: **The guns ceased firing at midnight.**

2. artillery
✓ **E) light guns**
Artillery means large, heavy guns such as cannons, usually fired from a distance. The opposite is **light guns**, small weapons that one soldier can carry.

3. mobilize
✓ **A) stay still**
To **mobilize** means to get people (especially troops) ready and moving into action. The opposite is to **stay still**.

4. battle
✓ **D) make peace**
To **battle** means to fight. The opposite of fighting is to **make peace**.

5. in the trenches
✓ **B) not in the fighting**
In the trenches means in the middle of the actual fighting (trenches are the long holes soldiers fight from). The opposite is **not in the fighting**.

6. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined part of each sentence.

Destruction of the enemy's radar defenses was rated very high in the plan of attack.
✓ **C) ranked**
To be **rated** or **ranked** high means to be given a high position on a list of importance. Here, destroying the radar defences was one of the most important goals of the attack.

7. The president's constant mistakes weakened the army's loyalty to him.
✓ **A) allegiance**
Allegiance means loyalty or faithful support for a leader, country or cause. Example: **The soldiers swore allegiance to their commander.**

8. Eventually, Gordon reached the highest level in the military's system of positions, that of a five-star general.
✓ **B) hierarchy**
A **hierarchy** is a system in which people are arranged in levels or positions, from lowest to highest. A five-star general is at the top of the military hierarchy.

9. The planet Mercury is so small that the proportion of its volume to Earth's is only about 1 to 20.
✓ **D) ratio**
A **ratio** is the relationship in size or amount between two things, often written as **1 to 20** or **1:20**. Here it compares Mercury's volume with Earth's.

10. While other officers worried about day-to-day operations, General Helvetski kept his eye on long-term plans.
✓ **E) strategy**
A **strategy** is a long-term plan for reaching a goal. The sentence contrasts it with **day-to-day operations**, which are short-term actions (tactics).

11. Which sentence best expresses the essential information of this passage?
✓ **B) For a long time, a soldier was more likely to die of disease than in battle.**
The main idea is in the first paragraph. The **ratio** of soldiers killed by disease to those killed in combat was at least two to one, and the rest of the passage explains why. The other options are only details (officers on high ground, camps near water) or ideas the passage does not give as its main point.

12. Why does the author mention that military camps were often set up near water?
✓ **C) to explain how soldiers came into contact with disease-carrying mosquitoes**
Paragraph 1 says camps near water gave protection from artillery **but it exposed soldiers to disease-carrying mosquitoes**. The author mentions this to show how soldiers came into contact with disease. Not the first option: protection from artillery is mentioned, but the point is the danger of disease.