ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

400 Must Have Words for the TOEFL LESSON 18 – War and Conquest Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

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

severely
✓ **D) extremely**
Severely means **extremely** or very badly, and it is used for something serious or harsh. Example: **The cold weather severely stressed the soldiers.**

2. prevailing
✓ **E) most common**
Prevailing means **most common** or most widely accepted at a particular time. Example: **the prevailing view**, which is the opinion most people hold.

3. devise
✓ **A) invent**
To **devise** something means to **invent** it or to plan it carefully. Example: **Hannibal devised a clever plan.**

4. collapse
✓ **B) fall down**
To **collapse** means to **fall down** suddenly. It is also used for plans, armies or systems that suddenly fail. Example: **The invasion force collapsed.**

5. annex
✓ **C) add on**
To **annex** means to **add on**. It is used especially for a country that takes control of a territory and adds it to its own land. Example: **Rome annexed the area around Carthage.**

6. Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

The judge ruled that Harry was guilty of a _____ of the seat-belt law.
✓ **A) violation**
A **violation** is an act of breaking a law or rule. The phrase **guilty of a violation of the law** fits the judge's ruling. **Conquest** means taking land by force, which has nothing to do with a seat-belt law.

7. Because Dalmatia was protected by high mountains, the empire could not _____ it.
✓ **B) annex**
The gap needs a verb after **could not**, and **annex** (take control of land and add it to your own) fits an empire. **Apex** is a noun meaning the highest point, so it cannot follow **could not**.

8. We have to _____ a way to fight this new disease.
✓ **B) devise**
After **have to** we need a verb. To **devise a way** means to invent or plan a method. **Conquest** is a noun, so it doesn't fit here.

9. Several armed groups joined together to _____ the foreign invaders.
✓ **A) resist**
To **resist** means to fight against something or someone, so **resist the invaders** fits armed groups. **Collapse** means to fall down, and it cannot take an object like **the foreign invaders**.

10. The _____ belief held that the enemy's peace moves were not sincere.
✓ **A) prevailing**
The prevailing belief is the belief that most people hold, which fits the idea of a common opinion about the enemy. **Invasive** means spreading into or entering by force, so it doesn't describe a belief.

11. Which sentence best expresses the essential information of this passage?
✓ **D) One of Rome's first overseas conquests was of the North African state of Carthage.**
The passage opens with its main idea: one of the first lands Rome **annexed** beyond Italy was the area around Carthage in North Africa. The rest of the passage explains how this **conquest** happened. Hannibal's march over the Alps and the three Punic Wars are only supporting details, not the essential information.

12. The author of this passage believes that Hannibal's attack on Rome by crossing the Alps was _____.
✓ **A) not what most military commanders would do**
The passage says Hannibal's plan was **in violation of most military wisdom**. This means it went against what most military commanders would normally do. The passage does not say elephants can't cross mountains; it says the weather and terrain **severely stressed** his forces.