ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

400 Must Have Words for the TOEFL LESSON 3 – Evolution and Migration Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

1. Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the opposite of the word below.

physical
✓ **E) mental**
Physical describes the body or material things, as in **physical exercise**. Its opposite is **mental**, which describes the mind, as in **mental effort**.

2. **migration**
✓ **D) staying in one place**
Migration is moving from one place or region to another, as in **the migration of birds**. The opposite is **staying in one place**.

3. **adapt**
✓ **B) stay the same**
To **adapt** is to change so that you fit a new situation or environment. The opposite is to **stay the same**.

4. **inherent**
✓ **A) not an integral part**
Inherent means existing as a natural, basic part of something, as in **Risk is inherent in any business.** The opposite is **not an integral part**.

5. **survive**
✓ **C) die**
To **survive** is to stay alive, especially through danger or difficulty. The opposite is to **die**.

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

Various languages are spoken on the Indian subcontinent.
✓ **A) diverse**
Various means of many different kinds. **Diverse** has the same meaning, as in **diverse languages**.

7. Making bread involves a sequence of steps that takes about three hours.
✓ **D) process**
A **process** is a series of actions or steps done to reach a result, as in **the process of making bread**.

8. Few sea turtles manage to live through their first year of life.
✓ **E) survive**
To **survive** means to manage to stay alive through a difficult period. **Few sea turtles survive their first year.**

9. This age group tends to support current educational policies.
✓ **C) generation**
A **generation** is all the people born and living at about the same time, so it is an age group, as in **the younger generation**.

10. Her thinking about economics has changed slowly in the last several months.
✓ **B) evolved**
To **evolve** is to change or develop gradually over time. **Her thinking has evolved** means it has changed slowly.

11. **Which sentence best expresses the essential information in this passage?**
✓ **D) The migration through the Americas was surprisingly fast.**
The main idea is that the spread of people through the Americas was **surprisingly fast**. The passage admits that 1,000 years seems slow, but then says **Further thought shows that this process was remarkably fast** and that the Americas were populated **at an astounding pace**. Not 'remarkably slow': that is only the common-sense view the passage argues against.

12. In this passage, the word monumental is closest in meaning to _____.
✓ **C) important**
Monumental means very important or very great in size or effect. The migration is called **a monumental event in human history** because it was hugely important. Not **disastrous**: the passage gives no sign that the event was bad.