ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

400 Must Have Words for the TOEFL LESSON 31 – The War on Drugs Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

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

cartel
✓ **E) a kind of group**
A **cartel** is a group of businesses or people who work together to control a trade or market and keep prices high. Example: **The drug cartel controlled all the smuggling routes.**

2. **interdict**
✓ **A) stop**
To **interdict** means to stop or block something, especially goods or people moving illegally. Example: **The coast guard interdicted the boat before it reached shore.**

3. **juxtaposed**
✓ **C) next to**
Juxtaposed means placed next to or close to each other, often to show a contrast. Example: **Small farmhouses juxtaposed with huge mansions show the inequality.**

4. **residual**
✓ **B) remaining**
Residual means remaining or left over after most of something is gone. Example: **Dogs can smell residual traces of drugs on a suitcase.**

5. **subtle**
✓ **D) without drawing attention**
Subtle means not obvious, so it does not draw attention. Example: **She gave a subtle hint that it was time to leave.**

6. **Choose the word that best completes each sentence.**

With a _____ nod of his head, the inspector signaled his agents.
✓ **A) subtle**
The inspector wanted to signal his agents secretly, so the nod was small and hard to notice: a **subtle** nod. Not **residual**, which means 'left over' and does not describe a movement.

7. Sunlight is a _____ source of energy for electricity generation, but it can be expensive to collect and store.
✓ **B) potent**
Potent means powerful or strong; sunlight is a powerful source of energy. Not **concentrated**: sunlight is spread out, which is exactly why the sentence says it is expensive to collect.

8. Things other than drugs can be _____, such as gambling or even television.
✓ **A) addictive**
Addictive describes something that makes people want it again and again, so it is hard to stop. The clue is **other than drugs** and the examples **gambling** and **television**.

9. A security official tries to _____ foreign terrorists before they can enter the country.
✓ **B) interdict**
To **interdict** is to stop people or goods before they arrive; the clue is **before they can enter the country**. Not **modify**, which means 'change slightly'.

10. Your advertisement created the _____ that everything was on sale for 50 percent off.
✓ **A) misconception**
A **misconception** is a wrong idea or belief. The advertisement made people believe something false, that everything was half price. **Cartel** is a group of businesses and does not fit the meaning.

11. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) drug lords**
The passage contrasts the farmers' small farmhouses with the **mansions of billionaire drug lords**. It ends by saying the **drug lords** make **vast fortunes**. The farmers sell their product cheaply, so they earn the least.

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