ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

400 Must Have Words for the TOEFL LESSON 36 – Social Rebels Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

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

adolescent
✓ **D) like a teenager**
Adolescent describes a young person between childhood and adulthood, so it means **like a teenager**. Example: **adolescent behaviour**.

2. **conflict**
✓ **B) clash; not fit together**
A **conflict** is a clash or disagreement; as a verb it means two things do not fit together. Example: **His story conflicts with the facts.**

3. **delinquency**
✓ **A) not doing what you're supposed to**
Delinquency is bad or illegal behaviour, especially by young people, so it means **not doing what you're supposed to**. Example: **juvenile delinquency**.

4. **fringe**
✓ **C) edge**
The **fringe** is the outer **edge** of something. **The fringes of society** are people who live outside the normal, accepted way of life.

5. **status quo**
✓ **E) current conditions**
Status quo is Latin for the existing state of things, so it means **current conditions**. Example: **They protested against the status quo.**

6. **Complete each sentence by filling in the blank with the best word. Change the form of the word if necessary. Use each word only once.**

The senator, who often lied to Congress, _____ called the president a liar.
✓ **C) hypocritically**
The gap comes before the verb **called**, so we need an adverb: **hypocritically**. Acting **hypocritically** means criticising others for something you do yourself. Here a man who often lies calls someone else a liar.

7. Some monks criticized the well-fed, art-loving people of fifteenth-century Florence for being _____.
✓ **B) hedonistic**
After **for being** we need an adjective: **hedonistic**, which means living only for pleasure. The clue is **well-fed, art-loving**: the monks thought these people enjoyed life too much.

8. During the 1970s, college students fought for one _____ after another, from saving the whales to changing the government.
✓ **A) cause**
A **cause** is an aim or idea that people support and fight for. The examples **saving the whales** and **changing the government** are causes. **One cause after another** means many causes, one following the other.

9. Even though it's illegal, _____ of lawmakers by rich companies is common.
✓ **D) manipulation**
The gap is the subject of the sentence, so a noun is needed: **manipulation**, which means controlling someone in an unfair or dishonest way. **Manipulation of lawmakers** means rich companies secretly influence the people who make laws.

10. It's natural for young people to _____ against society, but not with violence.
✓ **E) rebel**
After **to** we need a base verb: **rebel**, which means to fight against or refuse to obey authority. It is followed by **against**: **to rebel against society**.

11. **Which sentence best expresses the essential information of this passage?**
✓ **D) Teenage rebellion can cause problems, but it can be positive too.**
The passage shows both sides of teenage rebellion. It can lead to bad decisions, **delinquency** and even jail. **Conversely**, it can be a time of personal discovery that leads to **positive change**. Not **Adolescents often create conflicts in their communities**, because that is only one detail and it leaves out the positive side.

12. **According to the reading, what is one possible positive effect of teen rebellion?**
✓ **A) Adults might try to make positive changes.**
The last sentence says teen protests cause conflicts in **families and communities**, but they can also lead to **serious reflection and positive change**. So the adults around the teens may try to make positive changes. Not **Teens may become responsible adults later in life**, because the passage does not mention the teens' future.