ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.**
Please put another _____ on the fire; it's getting cold in here.
The woman shot the arrows with a _____.
✔ **B) log / bow**
A **log** is a thick piece of wood that you burn on a fire. A **bow** is the curved piece of wood with a string that you use to shoot arrows.

2. If our country's army is weak, our _____ might attack us.
Long ago, Greece had the most powerful _____ in the world.
✔ **A) enemy / military**
An **enemy** is a person or country that fights against you, so it **might attack us**. The **military** is a country's army, and it can be **powerful**.

3. Because I respect my parents, I _____ their rules.
We cannot _____ Bob because he often doesn't do what he says he'll do.
✔ **A) obey / trust**
To **obey** rules means to do what they say. To **trust** someone means to believe they will do what they promise. Bob doesn't do what he says, so we cannot trust him.

4. I _____ a job with a big company yesterday.
I _____ to go to the store, but I didn't have time.
✔ **B) secured / intended**
To **secure** a job means to succeed in getting it. **Intended to** means 'planned to'. The clue is **but I didn't have time**: it was a plan that didn't happen.

5. The rain was a _____ for the other soccer team.
During the _____ at sea, many ships sank.
✔ **B) disadvantage / battle**
A **disadvantage** is something that makes it harder for you to win or succeed, like rain for one team. A **battle** is a fight between armies or ships, so ships can sink during a battle at sea.

6. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
a person of the highest rank
✔ **C) chief**
A **chief** is the leader, the person with the highest rank in a group. Example: **The chief told his men to get ready.**

7. barely or almost unable to do
✔ **A) hardly**
Hardly means 'almost not'. Example: **They hardly slept at all.** This means they slept very little.

8. to wrap around itself or another thing
✔ **D) twist**
To **twist** means to turn or wrap around something. Example: **The road twisted around the hills.**

9. to plan to do
✔ **B) intend**
To **intend** to do something means to plan to do it. Example: **I intend to visit my aunt next week.**

10. space used to go into an area
✔ **B) entrance**
An **entrance** is a door, gate or opening that you use to go into a place. Example: **Meet me at the main entrance.**

11. **What is this story about?**
✔ **C) How a small disadvantaged army nearly beat a large military**
The whole story is about the 300 Spartans who were at a great **disadvantage** against the huge Persian **military**. They fought for three days and almost won. The other options are only small details from the story.

12. **Why was the smaller army not afraid of the larger one?**
✔ **B) The smaller army had better weapons and skills.**
Paragraph 3 says the chief met the enemy with laughter because **he knew that his men's weapons and skills were better**. Not 'the larger army didn't have any weapons': the story says they had bows, arrows and spears.

13. **The brave men knew they would lose _____.**
✔ **B) unless they secured the narrow entrance**
Paragraph 2 says **they were going to lose unless they could secure a small entrance**. **Unless** means 'if not', so they could only win by holding the entrance.

14. **According to the passage, all the following are true about the Persian army EXCEPT _____.**
✔ **D) they used fire to defeat the Spartans**
The passage says the Persians' long lines **twisted around the hills**, they shot **arrows from their bows**, and the battle lasted **three days**. Fire is never mentioned, so that is the one that is NOT true. The Spartans rolled logs down on the enemy; they did not burn them.