ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
the condition of being away from other people
✓ **B) privacy**
Privacy means being alone, away from other people. Example: **I close my door when I want some privacy.**

2. to say something nice to someone
✓ **A) compliment**
To **compliment** someone means to say something nice about them. Example: **She complimented my new shoes.**

3. an object with medicine inside
✓ **B) pill**
A **pill** is a small object with medicine inside that you swallow. Example: **Take one pill after dinner.**

4. fairness to others
✓ **B) justice**
Justice means fairness to others, especially fair treatment under the law. Not **liberty**, which means freedom.

5. a store that sells medicine
✓ **A) pharmacy**
A **pharmacy** is a store where you buy medicine. Example: **I got my pills at the pharmacy.**

6. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
What is a group of people that decides whether someone is guilty or not?
✓ **A) A jury**
A **jury** is a group of people in a court who decide if someone is guilty or not.

7. If you are going to someone's wedding, what will others presume?
✓ **B) That you know the couple**
To **presume** means to think something is true without being sure. People usually go to a wedding because they know the couple, so others presume **that you know the couple**.

8. If you have the ability to do something, then you have _____.
✓ **A) aptitude**
Aptitude is a natural ability to do something well. Example: **He has an aptitude for music.**

9. A _____ person reads a lot of books.
✓ **A) literary**
Literary describes things to do with books and writing, so a literary person reads a lot. The gap needs an adjective before **person**; **liberty** and **journalism** are nouns.

10. If someone exercises regularly, what kind of person can we say they are?
✓ **B) A sensible person**
A **sensible** person makes good, wise choices, like exercising regularly to stay healthy.

11. **The adolescent had a natural literary aptitude.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says Matthew **had a natural literary aptitude**, and he is the adolescent in the story.

12. **The boy leaning against the pole complimented Matthew's pills.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says the boy said, **I like your jacket.** He complimented Matthew's jacket, not his pills.

13. **Matthew ordered a slice of pizza at the restaurant.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The story says the boys, including Matthew, **ordered their food** and were going to have **slices of pizza**.

14. **The boys ate too much, so their bellies swelled.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The story says they **ate until their bellies swelled up**, so they ate too much.

15. **Matthew wants to work in the justice system when he grows up.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says Matthew hoped to have a career in **journalism**, not in the justice system.

16. **The jury allowed Matthew to keep his liberty, but he had to help in the community as punishment.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
At the end, the jury **let him have his liberty**, but he had to **pick up trash** as punishment, which is helping the community.

17. **Why was Matthew at the pharmacy?**
✓ **C) He was buying pills.**
Paragraph 2 says Matthew went to the pharmacy **to pick up some pills** for his grandmother.

18. **Which of the following is NOT a word used to describe Matthew?**
✓ **C) Rude**
Paragraph 1 describes Matthew as **sensible**, **tidy** and **quiet** (his quiet personality). The story never says he is **rude**.

19. Why did Matthew try to leave the restaurant without paying for his meal?
✓ B) He presumed his friends would like him.
The story says he **presumed** his new friends **wouldn't like him** if he didn't leave without paying. He wanted them to like him.

20. Why did Matthew get to keep his liberty at the end of the story?
✓ B) He persuaded the jury he had learned his lesson.
In court, Matthew said he felt **sorrow** and now knew real friends won't ask you to do something illegal. **Then** the jury let him have his liberty. Not **picked up trash**: that was his punishment, not the reason he kept his freedom.

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