ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 3 Unit 28: The Boy Who Saved the Town

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Explanations

1. Choose the right word for the given definition.
very cold
✓ **A) arctic**
Arctic means very cold, like the area near the North Pole. Example: **arctic winds**.

2. a person who sells things
✓ **B) merchant**
A **merchant** is a person who buys and sells things. Example: **The merchant sold cloth in the market.**

3. something very bad
✓ **C) tragedy**
A **tragedy** is something very bad or sad that happens. Example: **The flood was a tragedy for the town.**

4. to go down
✓ **B) descend**
To **descend** means to go down. Example: **The plane began to descend.**

5. to run
✓ **D) jog**
To **jog** means to run at a slow, steady speed. Example: **I jog in the park every morning.**

6. Choose the right definition for the given word.
hesitate
✓ **C) to wait for a moment**
To **hesitate** means to wait for a moment before you do or say something, often because you are not sure. Not **to make something happen later**: that is **postpone**.

7. canal
✓ **B) a path for water**
A **canal** is a long path made for water, often for boats or to carry water to fields.

8. chill
✓ **B) a feeling of cold**
A **chill** is a feeling of cold. Example: **I felt a chill when I opened the window.**

9. stubborn
✓ **D) not changing your mind**
A **stubborn** person does not change their mind, even when others want them to.

10. poke
✓ **C) to push with your finger**
To **poke** means to push something quickly with your finger or a pointed object. Example: **He poked me in the arm.**

11. Marcus only postponed the tragedy for a short time.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says his finger **didn't fix the problem forever, but it did postpone the tragedy**. It only held the water back until the tide went down and people fixed the wall, so the statement is true.

12. The chill of the arctic water made Marcus take his finger out of the wall.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 4 says the water was cold, but **Marcus stayed there and saved the town**. He kept his finger in the hole, so the statement is false.

13. Marcus worked in an institution with his father.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says his father wanted him to work at the institution, but **Instead, the boy delivered milk**. So the statement is false.

14. In the end, everyone was very angry with Marcus.
✓ **B) FALSE**
The last paragraph says **Everyone was very happy with Marcus**, and he was called a hero. So the statement is false.

15. Marcus didn’t want to be late taking the milk to the merchant.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says he was taking milk to a merchant and **He didn’t want to be late**. So the statement is true.

16. Marcus ran down a path by a canal.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says **He ran down a path beside a large canal**. **By** and **beside** both mean next to, so the statement is true.

17. Why was Marcus jogging down the street with a gallon of milk?
✓ **B) He had to give it to the grocer soon.**
Paragraph 2 says he had milk **to give to a merchant** and **didn’t want to be late**. He had to deliver it soon. Not **before the tide descended**: the tide is only mentioned later, after he found the hole.

18. Why did Marcus hesitate to poke his finger into the wall?
✓ **A) He didn’t know who to save, himself or the town.**
Paragraph 3 says **He had to choose between helping himself and helping the town**. That is why he hesitated. Not **The arctic water was so cold**: he felt the cold only after he put his finger in the hole.

19. What was Marcus’s job?
✓ D) He took dairy products to merchants in town.
Paragraph 1 says **the boy delivered milk** and took **dairy products to the grocers**. Not **He was a chemist**: that was his father's job.

20. Why did Marcus’s finger ache?
✓ C) The water was very cold.
Paragraph 4 says **His finger ached. He felt the chill of the arctic water**. The very cold water made his finger hurt.

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