ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Who is someone that would most likely be hospitable?
✔ **B) A host**
Hospitable means friendly and welcoming to guests. A **host** is the person who welcomes guests, so a host is the most likely to be hospitable. An enemy is the opposite of welcoming.

2. At what temperature centigrade does water freeze?
✔ **A) 0 degrees**
On the **centigrade** (Celsius) scale, water freezes at **degrees** and boils at 100 degrees. Not 32 degrees: that is the freezing point on the Fahrenheit scale.

3. If the mist from fog condensed, what would happen to the ground?
✔ **A) It would be wet.**
When mist **condenses**, the water in the air turns into drops of liquid. These drops fall onto the ground, so it becomes **wet**.

4. If you are going on a trip, which is something you should do beforehand?
✔ **D) Pack clothes**
Beforehand means earlier, before something else happens. Before a trip, you need to **pack clothes**; the other activities are not connected to preparing for travel.

5. Who of the following would most likely perform a concerto?
✔ **A) A musician**
A **concerto** is a piece of music for one main instrument, such as a piano or violin, played with an orchestra. So it is performed by a **musician**.

6. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
monastery
✔ **C) abbey**
A **monastery** is a building where monks live and pray together. An **abbey** is a similar building for monks or nuns, so the two words are close in meaning.

7. winding
✔ **A) spiral**
Winding describes something that twists and turns, such as **a winding road**. **Spiral** also describes something that turns round and round, so it is the closest in meaning.

8. cove
✔ **D) bay**
A **cove** is a small area of sea that is partly surrounded by land. A **bay** is the same kind of place, usually a bit bigger, so it is the closest in meaning.

9. freeway
✔ **A) road**
A **freeway** is a wide, fast road for cars (American English; in British English, a **motorway**). So it is a kind of **road**. Not **path**: a path is a narrow way for people to walk on.

10. manor
✔ **C) large home**
A **manor** is a large, old house in the countryside, often with land around it, so it means a **large home**. Not **polite**: that is connected to **manner**, which sounds similar but is a different word.

11. parcel
✔ **B) package**
A **parcel** is something wrapped up, often to be sent or carried, so it means a **package**. Example: **The postman delivered a parcel.**

12. nursery
✔ **D) infant's center**
A **nursery** is a room or place where babies and young children are looked after. So **infant's center** is the closest in meaning. Not **nurse's lounge**: the words look alike, but a nursery is for children, not for nurses.

13. vivacious
✔ **C) cheerful**
Vivacious describes a person who is lively, energetic and full of fun, so **cheerful** is the closest in meaning. **Quiet** and **tired** are nearly the opposite.

14. exterior
✔ **D) outside**
The **exterior** of something is its **outside** part or surface, for example **the exterior of a building**. Its opposite is **interior** (inside).

15. zip
✔ **A) close**
To **zip** (up) a coat or bag means to **close** it with a zip (zipper). Example: **She zipped up her raincoat.** Not **join**: a zip does bring two sides together, but the meaning of the verb is to close something.

16. **The nurse was usually a vivacious woman who constantly chattered.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says it was **the child's mother** who was usually **vivacious** and **chattered constantly**, not the nurse. So the statement is false.

17. The nursery was far from the freeway that was near Rabbit Cove.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 3 says the monastery was by Rabbit Cove and **there was no freeway** leading to it. Since there was no freeway there, the statement is false.

18. The nurse zipped up her raincoat because the child's condition had started to deteriorate.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 4 says the nurse **zipped** up her raincoat because **it was raining** on the trail. In paragraph 1, the word **deteriorate** is about what might happen to the child if the mother did not act quickly. So the statement is false.

19. The temperature was close to zero degrees centigrade.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 4 says: **The temperature was close to zero degrees centigrade**, and it was raining. The statement matches the passage, so it is true.

20. When the nurse heard a concerto playing in another room, she became hospitable.
✓ **B) FALSE**
When the nurse heard the **concerto**, the passage says **She relaxed**. It was the monk who was **hospitable** (welcoming) to her, not the other way round. So the statement is false.

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