ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Advanced Academic Words Quiz: Arbitrary, Inherent, Albeit

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Explanations

1. The referee’s decision seemed completely ___: no rule supported it.
✔ **A) arbitrary**
Arbitrary means based on chance or someone’s wish, not a rule or reason. Intrinsic, compatible and mutual describe nature, fit and sharing.

2. Her silence carried an ___ criticism of the plan: she didn’t need to say a word.
✔ **B) implicit**
Implicit means understood without being said. Explicit is the opposite: clearly stated.

3. There is a risk ___ in every investment: you can never remove it completely.
✔ **C) inherent**
Inherent in means a permanent part of something, often a risk or problem. Compatible needs with, and mutual means shared by both sides.

4. The old stamp has no ___ value; it is worth money only because collectors want it.
✔ **D) intrinsic**
Intrinsic value belongs to the thing itself, not to what people think of it. Rigid means stiff, and mutual means shared.

5. The village’s population is ___ elderly, with very few young families.
✔ **A) predominantly**
Predominantly means mainly. The other adverbs do not describe what most of a group is like.

6. Before you buy it, make sure the software is ___ with the school’s old computers.
✔ **B) compatible**
Compatible with means able to work together without problems. Inherent needs in, and rigid means stiff.

7. Which pair fits? The ___ rules allowed no exceptions, so in the end the deal was cancelled by ___ consent of both sides.
✔ **C) rigid … mutual**
Rigid rules are too strict to change. By mutual consent means both sides agreed. “Inherent consent” and “arbitrary consent” are not used.

8. Little by little, rising prices have ___ the value of people’s savings.
✔ **D) eroded**
Erode means wear away slowly, like the sea on a cliff. Distort changes the shape of facts, deviate needs from, and induce means cause.

9. The article ___ the minister’s words so badly that her meaning was reversed.
✔ **A) distorted**
Distort means twist facts or words so the picture becomes false. Erode is slow wearing away, and offset means balance.

10. The bus had to ___ from its usual route because of the marathon.
✔ **B) deviate**
Deviate from means move away from the usual path or plan. Conform means follow a rule, and distort and induce take a direct object.

11. The cost of the new boiler will be partly ___ by lower heating bills.
✔ **C) offset**
Offset means balance one effect with an opposite one. Lower bills don’t wear the cost away (erode) or collect it (accumulate).

12. Dust and old papers had ___ in the attic over forty years.
✔ **D) accumulated**
Accumulate means grow bit by bit over time, often without anyone trying. Attain needs effort and an object.

13. Which pair fits? Doctors may ___ labour if the baby is very late, and only a few candidates ___ the highest grade.
✔ **A) induce … attain**
Induce means cause a state, especially in medicine: induce labour. Attain means reach a level or goal after effort.

14. Which pair fits? Pupils must ___ to the dress code, and the new uniform is cheaper, ___ less colourful.
✔ **B) conform … albeit**
Conform to means follow a rule. Albeit means although before a short phrase. Thereby shows a result, and “induce to the dress code” is not English.

15. The city planted 5,000 trees, ___ lowering summer temperatures in the centre.
✔ **C) thereby**
Thereby means “and in this way”, before an -ing form. Albeit, although and whereas introduce a contrast, not a result.