ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. The rise in energy _____ has led to a reduction in the amount of fossil fuels that the world must use.
✔ **B) efficiency**
The result is a **reduction** in fossil fuel use, so the gap needs something whose rise saves fuel. **Energy efficiency** means getting more work out of the same amount of energy, so as it rises, less fuel is needed. Not **consumption**: a rise in energy consumption would mean the world uses more fossil fuels, not fewer.

2. I believe that leaders must make an effort to stay open-minded and try to _____ another person's point of view.
✔ **E) appreciate**
To **appreciate** someone's point of view means to understand it and recognise its value. That fits the idea of being **open-minded**. **Deplore** (strongly condemn) says the opposite, and **insist** would need **on**.

3. We must find some way to give them a fairly complete and realistic picture of the situation, but without _____ them too much.
✔ **B) intimidating**
To **intimidate** someone is to frighten them or make them feel nervous and unable to cope. The speaker wants to tell people the full truth **but without** scaring them too much. **Embittering** (making someone resentful) and **restricting** do not match the idea of the harsh truth being frightening.

4. Any child left to its own devices for too long is likely to _____ on some dangerous enterprise.
✔ **C) embark**
Embark on something means to start something new, often risky or difficult: **embark on a dangerous enterprise**. The preposition **on** is the clue. None of the other verbs collocates with **on** in this sense. **Entice** means to tempt someone, and it needs an object.

5. Foot and mouth disease, also called aftosa, is a highly contagious viral disease affecting _____ all cloven-footed mammals, including cattle, sheep, goats, and swine.
✔ **A) practically**
Practically all means 'almost all' and is a common way of qualifying **all**. Not **hardly**: **hardly all** is not idiomatic, and **hardly** has a negative meaning ('almost not'), which contradicts **highly contagious**.

6. Industry as a whole was badly affected by the restrictions, but it was the high technology sector that suffered most _____.
✔ **E) acutely**
Acutely means severely or intensely, and **suffer acutely** is a natural collocation. The sentence contrasts industry in general, which was **badly affected**, with one sector that suffered the most severely. **Blatantly** means obviously and shamelessly and is used for bad behaviour, not for suffering.

7. The stars visible at night are _____ distant, which is why they appear only as tiny points of light.
✔ **C) immensely**
Immensely means extremely or enormously, so **immensely distant** means very, very far away. That explains why stars look like **tiny points of light**. **Intensively** means with a lot of concentrated effort (**study intensively**) and cannot describe distance.

8. Her parents spend their summers in the south, but their _____ residence, a luxury apartment, is in Istanbul.
✔ **D) permanent**
A **permanent residence** is the place where you live all the time, your main home. It contrasts with where they **spend their summers**, which is only temporary. Not **previous**: nothing in the sentence suggests they have moved.

9. One defect seems inherent in a purely classical education – namely, a too _____ emphasis on the past.
✔ **D) exclusive**
An **exclusive emphasis** is one that focuses on a single thing and leaves everything else out. The criticism is that a purely classical education concentrates **only** on the past and ignores the present. Not **recurrent** (happening again and again): repetition is not the defect being described, and **a too recurrent emphasis** is not natural English.

10. The Kodak Company now faces stiff _____ both from abroad and from rival firms at home.
✔ **B) competition**
Stiff competition is a fixed collocation meaning strong, difficult competition. The clue is **rival firms**. **Recession** is an economic downturn, and it is not something a company faces 'from rival firms'.

11. Many people think of the United States as a young country, yet it has the oldest written _____ among the major nations of the world.
✔ **E) constitution**
A **constitution** is the written set of basic laws and principles by which a country is governed. The US Constitution (1787) is the oldest written national constitution still in use. A **treaty** is an agreement between countries, not a nation's own founding document.

12. A few people enjoyed the exhibition, but the majority were clearly _____.
✔ **D) disappointed**
The word **but** sets up a contrast with **enjoyed the exhibition**, so most people must have had a negative reaction: they were **disappointed**. **Relieved** is a positive feeling, and **admirable** describes a person who deserves praise, not how someone feels.

13. Thanks to various advances in modern medicine, certain diseases that were seemingly incurable now _____ treatment.
✔ **B) yield to**
Yield to treatment means a disease responds to treatment and can be cured or controlled. This contrasts with **seemingly incurable**. **Stem from** and **result from** mean 'be caused by', which does not make sense with **treatment**.

14. Although the partners seem to be in full agreement on matters of management, there is actually a _____ difference of opinion among them.
✔ **D) vast**
Although signals a contrast: the partners **seem** to agree, but **actually** they disagree a great deal. A **vast difference** means a very large one. **Abundant** means plentiful and is used with things like resources or food, not with **difference**.

15. Admittedly, the engineer's report was relatively unimaginative, but it was, on the whole, _____.
✔ **A) accurate**
Admittedly … but concedes a weakness (**unimaginative**) and then gives a strength, so the gap needs a positive quality. **Accurate** means correct and free from errors. **Irrelevant** and **deceptive** are negative, so they would not create the contrast.

16. He has behaved _____ on many occasions, so this instance of impoliteness is hardly surprising.
✔ **E) inconsiderately**
The rude behaviour is **hardly surprising**, so he must often have behaved badly before. **Inconsiderately** means without thinking about other people's feelings or needs. The positive adverbs **endearingly** and **sensitively** would make the impoliteness surprising.

17. At the meeting, even though he spoke well, he was unable to _____ the other members.
✔ **B) persuade**
Even though he spoke well suggests a disappointing result: he could not **persuade** (convince) the other members. Not **agree**: it needs **with** (**agree with the other members**).

18. The United States has long prided itself on being a melting pot of culturally _____ peoples.
✔ **A) diverse**
A **melting pot** is a society where people from many different backgrounds mix together, so the peoples are **culturally diverse**, meaning very different from each other. **Redundant** (no longer needed) and **incoherent** (unclear, not logical) make no sense here.

19. By 1991, it was _____ ten years since AIDS had caught the world's attention.
✔ **D) roughly**
Roughly means approximately, about. It is commonly used before numbers and periods of time: **roughly ten years**. The other adverbs (**formidably**, **generously**, **pertinently**, **inevitably**) cannot qualify an amount of time like this.

20. As a result of the continuing economic recession, a huge _____ in the budget seems inevitable.
✔ **E) deficit**
A budget **deficit** is when spending is greater than income. A recession reduces tax income, so a deficit is the expected result. **Improvement** and **profit** are the opposite of what a recession causes, and **redundancy** refers to losing a job.

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