ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Automobile Vocabulary Test

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## Explanations

**1.** You see the road through it.
✓ **A) windscreen**
The **windscreen** is the big front window of a car. You look through it to see the road. In American English it is called the **windshield**.

**2.** When you want to go faster, you press this.
✓ **D) accelerator**
The **accelerator** is the pedal you press with your foot to make the car go faster. Not **brake pedal**, because the brake makes the car slow down or stop.

**3.** You turn these on when it is dark so you can see the road.
✓ **B) headlights**
**Headlights** are the big lights at the front of a car. They light up the road in the dark. Not **taillights**, because those are the red lights at the back, so other drivers can see you.

**4.** Whenever you want to shift up or down, you press this down.
✓ **D) clutch pedal**
In a car with manual gears, you press the **clutch pedal** down before you change gear (shift up or down). Not **gearbox**, because that is the part with the gears, and you don't press it.

**5.** This cools down your engine.
✓ **A) radiator**
The **radiator** keeps the engine from getting too hot. Liquid from the engine goes through it, and air cools the liquid down.

**6.** This provides your battery with the electricity it needs.
✓ **C) generator**
The **generator** makes electricity while the engine is running and charges the battery. In modern cars this part is usually called the **alternator**. Not **accumulator**, because that is another word for the battery itself.

**7.** If the road is bumpy, these help to dampen the bumps.
✓ **C) shock absorbers**
**Shock absorbers** make the ride smoother on a bumpy road, so you don't feel every bump. Not **bumpers**, because bumpers are the bars at the front and back that protect the car in a small crash.

**8.** If you want to turn left or right, you put these on.
✓ **B) turn indicators**
**Turn indicators** are small flashing lights. They show other drivers that you are going to turn left or right. Not **steering wheel**, because you turn it, you don't **put it on**.

**9.** You use this when you start a cold engine.
✓ **B) choke**
The **choke** helps a cold engine start. It gives the engine more fuel and less air. Most older cars have a choke, but modern cars do this automatically.

**10.** This lubricates your engine.
✓ **D) oil**
To **lubricate** means to make parts move easily so they don't rub and wear out. Engine **oil** does this inside the engine. Not **grease**, because grease is thick and is used on other moving parts, not inside the engine.

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