ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **E) compounded**
Compound (verb) means to make a bad situation worse by adding to it. He was already gloomy, and the failing mark **added to** his gloom, so it was **compounded**. The passage uses it the same way: **To compound the puzzle**. The past participle is needed after **was**.

2. **The _____ of sports are replete with the names of great black athletes.**
✓ **B) annals**
Annals are historical records: the written history of a subject. The passage says **the annals of cookery are replete with masculine names**. In the same way, the history of sports is full of great athletes. Not **realm**, because the sentence talks about records full of names, not a field or kingdom.

3. **One of the great _____ of American life is that though minority groups have suffered injustices, nowhere in the world have so many varied groups lived together so harmoniously.**
✓ **D) paradoxes**
A **paradox** is something that seems contradictory but is true. Groups have suffered injustice, yet they live together in harmony, and these two facts seem to clash. **One of the great …** needs a plural noun, so **paradoxes** is right.

4. **A _____ of garlic is all that's necessary in most recipes.**
✓ **C) tinge**
A **tinge** is a trace or slight amount of something. **A tinge of garlic** means just a little garlic. Compare the passage: **rarely been a tinge of rumor**, which means hardly even a little rumor.

5. **The cruel king would not allow the prince to enter his _____, restricting him to the forest, which abounded with wild animals.**
✓ **A) realm**
A **realm** is a kingdom, or someone's special field. The king would not let the prince enter his kingdom and kept him in the forest instead, so **realm** fits. The passage uses it in the sense of field: **within women's realm**.

6. **Definitions:** If you are having trouble in picking the right definitions, it may be best not to do them in the order given, but to do the ones you are surest of first.

paradox
✓ **B) a statement that at first seems to be absurd or self-contradictory but which may in fact turn out to be true**
A **paradox** is a statement that seems absurd or self-contradictory but may turn out to be true. The passage calls it **paradoxical** that the greatest chefs have all been men, which is an unexpected contradiction.

7. **realm**
✓ **E) special field of something or someone; kingdom**
Realm means a kingdom, or the special field or area of something or someone. Example: **the realm of science**.

8. **annals**
✓ **D) historical records**
Annals (always plural) are historical records, the year-by-year history of something. Example: **the annals of cookery**.

9. **compound (v.)**
✓ **C) to increase or add to**
The verb **compound** means to increase or add to something, usually a problem. Example: **To compound the puzzle…** means to make the puzzle even bigger.

10. **tinge (n.)**
✓ **A) a trace, smattering, or slight degree**
The noun **tinge** means a trace, smattering or slight degree of something. Example: **a tinge of rumor**, **a tinge of sadness**.

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