ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **D) phlegmatic**
Phlegmatic means calm and not easily upset or excited. The word **even** is the clue: the error was so bad that it upset a boss who normally stays calm. In the passage, Jerry is **normally phlegmatic**, so his being **deeply upset** is unusual.

2. **The fund raiser was so _____ that he solicited money from a Salvation Army Santa Claus.**
✓ **A) zealous**
Zealous means extremely eager or enthusiastic, sometimes too much so. The fund raiser was so keen that he even asked a charity collector for money. Example: **a zealous search party**.

3. **In order to get the job, you had to go through the drudgery of filling out a ten-page _____ questionnaire.**
✓ **E) comprehensive**
Comprehensive means thorough, covering everything. A **ten-page** questionnaire is the clue: it asks about every detail. Example: **a comprehensive search**.

4. **The elusive fugitive was _____ by his attorney into surrendering.**
✓ **B) coerced**
Coerce means to force someone to do something they don't want to do. The pattern is **coerce someone into doing something**, and the passive **was coerced into surrendering** fits the gap. In the passage, the Harts **had to be coerced into going to sleep**.

5. **Even the swindler’s nefarious accomplice refused to _____ his alibi.**
✓ **C) corroborate**
Corroborate means to confirm or support a statement with evidence. After **refused to** we need a base-form verb, and you **corroborate an alibi** when you say it is true. Not **coerced**: it is a past form and does not fit after **to**.

6. **Definitions:** Match the new words with their meanings.

phlegmatic
✓ **B) calm, hard to rouse to action**
Phlegmatic means calm and hard to rouse to action or emotion. Example: **The normally phlegmatic Jerry Hart was deeply upset.**

7. **corroborate**
✓ **C) confirm, support**
Corroborate means to confirm or support with evidence. Example: **The witness corroborated his alibi.**

8. **comprehensive**
✓ **D) thorough**
Comprehensive means thorough and complete, including everything. Example: **He organized a comprehensive search party.**

9. **zealous**
✓ **A) enthusiastic**
Zealous means very enthusiastic and eager. Example: **They were zealously fanning out in circles around the supermarket.**

10. **coerce**
✓ **E) to force**
Coerce means to force someone to do something. Example: **They had to be coerced into going to sleep.**

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