ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) utopia**
A **utopia** is an imaginary place where everything is perfect. In the novel **Lost Horizon**, the perfect hidden valley of Shangri-La is such a place, and one character does not want to live there. The article **a** before the gap needs a noun for a place, and only **utopia** fits.

2. **A pernicious _____ developed between the two sisters.**
✓ **E) schism**
A **schism** is a split or division between people, often caused by disagreement. The verb **developed between the two sisters** shows a division growing between two people. Not **anathema**, which means something hated, not a split between people.

3. **The traitor’s name was _____ in his father’s domicile.**
✓ **A) anathema**
Anathema means something or someone greatly detested. The traitor's family hated him so much that even his name was hated in his father's home (**domicile**). Not **expunge**: the sentence would need the past participle **expunged** after **was**.

4. **Our theatrical pages were inundated with press releases from the _____ producer.**
✓ **D) flamboyant**
Flamboyant means showy, colorful and eager to attract attention. A producer who floods (**inundates**) newspapers with press releases is clearly showy. The gap comes between **the** and the noun **producer**, so it needs an adjective, and **flamboyant** is the only adjective among the options.

5. **After having made the rash statements, the senator wished that he could _____ them from the record.**
✓ **B) expunge**
To **expunge** means to erase or remove completely. The senator regretted his rash statements and wanted them removed from the official record. **Could** must be followed by a base-form verb, and **expunge** is the only verb among the options.

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

expunge
✓ **D) erase**
Expunge means to **erase** or wipe out completely. In the passage, Monte **expunged** all traces of debits and credits from his mind, so he forgot about accounting completely.

7. **flamboyant**
✓ **E) showy, colorful**
Flamboyant means **showy, colorful**. The passage calls the theater a **more flamboyant world** than accounting, meaning it is more exciting and colorful.

8. **anathema**
✓ **B) something greatly detested**
Anathema means **something greatly detested**. In the passage, **Accounting became anathema to him**, meaning Monte came to hate accounting.

9. **schism**
✓ **A) split**
Schism means a **split** or division. In the passage, the **schism** between Monte's happy present and his boring past work **widened**, so the gap between them grew bigger.

10. **utopia**
✓ **C) place of perfection**
Utopia means a **place of perfection**. In the passage, Monte's **present utopia** is his life in the theater, which feels perfect to him compared with his former drudgery.

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