ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) truncated**
Truncated means cut short, with part removed. If your long remarks are printed in **truncated** form, some of what you said is missing, which is frustrating. In the passage, Monte played in a **truncated** (shortened) version of "The Wizard of Oz."

2. **With his cap set at a _____ angle, the amicable sailor strutted down the street.**
✓ **E) jaunty**
Jaunty means lively, cheerful and confident. A cap worn at a **jaunty angle** (tilted to one side) suits a friendly sailor who is strutting happily down the street. **At a jaunty angle** is a common collocation.

3. **In an _____ display of histrionics the star refused to perform.**
✓ **A) ostentatious**
Ostentatious means showy, done to attract attention. Histrionics are dramatic, exaggerated emotional behaviour, so an **ostentatious display** fits a star making a scene. The article **an** also shows that the missing word starts with a vowel sound. Not **fractious**: the star is behaving dramatically in public rather than simply arguing, and **a fractious** would need **a**, not **an**.

4. **Under duress the normally _____ husband was coerced into demanding a raise.**
✓ **D) timorous**
Timorous means shy and easily frightened. The words **normally** and **coerced** (forced) show a contrast: a usually fearful husband had to be pushed into the bold act of asking for a raise.

5. **Roger's _____ behavior compounded the bad relationship he had already had with his partner.**
✓ **B) fractious**
Fractious means quarrelsome and difficult to deal with. Behaviour that **compounded** (made worse) a bad relationship with a partner is likely to be argumentative, so **fractious** fits. Not **timorous**: fearful behaviour would not usually damage a relationship in this way.

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

timorous
✓ **A) fearful**
Timorous means **fearful**: shy and easily frightened. Example: **The timorous child hid behind her mother.** In the passage, Monte played the **timorous** (cowardly) Lion.

7. **truncated**
✓ **B) cut short**
Truncated means **cut short**: made shorter by removing part. Example: **The film was shown in a truncated version.**

8. **jaunty**
✓ **C) sprightly, gay**
Jaunty means **sprightly, gay**. Here **gay** has its older meaning of cheerful, lively and carefree. Example: **He walked off with a jaunty step.**

9. **fractious**
✓ **E) quarrelsome**
Fractious means **quarrelsome**: easily annoyed and likely to argue. Example: **The fractious landlord complained about everything.**

10. **ostentatious**
✓ **D) showy**
Ostentatious means **showy**: designed to impress or attract attention. Example: **She wore an ostentatious diamond necklace.** In the passage, Monte got a less **ostentatious** (less noticeable) part.

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