ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Barron’s 1100 Words You Need to Know (MCQ Test + PDF) Week 13 – Day 1

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
   ✓ **D) importune**
   Importune means to ask someone urgently and repeatedly. **Importune someone for something** is the usual pattern. Eddie kept asking his boss for a holiday even though he was not hopeful (**sanguine**). In the passage, the scientists **importuned** Roosevelt for permission to start atomic research.

2. **In inclement weather our barn is a _____ for many animals.**
   ✓ **B) haven**
   A **haven** is a place of safety or shelter. After the article **a**, the gap needs a noun, and in bad (**inclement**) weather the barn protects the animals. In the passage, Fermi found a haven from the Fascists.

3. **The dictator used duplicity in order to _____ his rivals.**
   ✓ **A) subjugate**
   Subjugate means to conquer someone or bring them under your control. After **in order to**, the gap needs a verb, and a dictator uses trickery (**duplicity**) to defeat his rivals. Not **importune**: a dictator does not need to beg his rivals for anything.

4. **With a _____ movement, the meticulous bookkeeper emptied the ash tray.**
   ✓ **C) surreptitious**
   Surreptitious means done secretly, so that others do not notice. The gap needs an adjective before **movement**. The very tidy (**meticulous**) bookkeeper emptied the ashtray quietly, without anyone seeing. In the passage, the Germans' experiments were **surreptitious**, or secret.

5. **The expert’s _____ testimony corroborated the police report.**
   ✓ **E) incontrovertible**
   Incontrovertible means impossible to deny or argue against. The gap needs an adjective before **testimony**, and only strong, undeniable evidence would confirm (**corroborate**) the police report. Not **surreptitious**: testimony given in court is not secret.

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

   importune
   ✓ **B) ask urgently**
   Importune means to ask urgently and repeatedly, often in an annoying way. Example: **The children importuned their parents for a puppy.**

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

   incontrovertible
   ✓ **A) undeniable**
   Incontrovertible means undeniable, so true that nobody can argue against it. Example: **incontrovertible evidence**. The prefix **in-** means 'not', and **controvert** means 'argue against'.

8. **surreptitious**
   ✓ **E) stealthy, accomplished in secret**
   Surreptitious means stealthy, or done secretly so that others will not notice. Example: **She took a surreptitious look at her phone during the meeting.**

9. **haven**
   ✓ **D) place of safety**
   A **haven** is a place of safety or shelter. Example: **The library was a haven of peace and quiet.**

10. **subjugate**
    ✓ **C) conquer**
    Subjugate means to conquer people and bring them under your control. Example: **The empire subjugated its neighbours.**