ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) eventuated**
The gap needs a past-tense verb that works with **in**. **Eventuate in** means to end in or finally result in something: the investigation finally **resulted in** a report. The passage uses it the same way: Fermi's device could **eventuate in** a chain reaction. Not **emit**, because it is not past tense, and an investigation does not 'give off' a report.

2. **After two years of confinement in a _____ dungeon, the prisoner was thin and wan.**
✓ **A) subterranean**
Subterranean means underground. A dungeon is a prison room usually built below the ground, so a **subterranean dungeon** fits, and it explains why the prisoner became pale and weak. In the passage, Fermi's pile was built in a **subterranean** room.

3. **The mayor issued a diatribe against companies whose smokestacks _____ poisonous fumes.**
✓ **D) emit**
Emit means to give off or send out, for example light, gas, heat or sound. Smokestacks **emit** fumes, just as the uranium in the passage **emitted** neutrons. The plural subject **smokestacks** matches the base form **emit**.

4. **Gaining better housing for all was the _____ goal of the zealous reformer.**
✓ **E) ultimate**
Ultimate means final: the last and most important aim that everything else leads to. The reformer's **ultimate goal** was better housing for everyone. Not **viable**, because the sentence is about his final aim, not whether the plan was workable.

5. **When the schism in the company was healed, a _____ arrangement was worked out.**
✓ **B) viable**
Viable means practicable or workable, something that can succeed in practice. Once the split (schism) in the company was healed, the two sides could agree on a **viable arrangement**. Not **ultimate**, because the article **a** would need to be **an** before it, and the sentence is about a plan that works, not a final one.

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

ultimate
✓ **B) final**
Ultimate means final, the last or most basic in a series. Example: **Our ultimate aim is to win the championship.**

7. **eventuate**
✓ **E) to result finally**
Eventuate means to result finally, to end in something. It is usually followed by **in**. Example: **The talks eventuated in a peace agreement.**

8. **emit**
✓ **D) to give off**
Emit means to give off or send out, for example light, heat, gas or a sound. Example: **The uranium emitted neutrons.**

9. **subterranean**
✓ **A) underground**
Subterranean means underground (Latin **sub** = under, **terra** = earth). Example: **a subterranean room at Columbia University**.

10. **viable**
✓ **C) practicable, workable**
Viable means practicable or workable, able to succeed in practice. Example: **Is this plan viable without more money?**

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