ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Barron's 1100 Words You Need to Know (MCQ Test + PDF) Week 17 – Day 1

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✔ **D) fallacious**
Fallacious means false or misleading, based on a wrong idea. The clue is **cursory attention**: someone who reads reports quickly and carelessly is likely to reach a wrong conclusion. In the passage, **fallacious documents** are the false papers planted on the dead officer. Not **consummate**, because a careless inspector would not reach a perfect conclusion.

2. **Johnnie Cochran, the famous and controversial lawyer, gave _____ attention to the preparation of every case.**
✔ **C) consummate**
Consummate is an adjective meaning complete, perfect or of the highest degree. Here it describes the very careful, total attention the lawyer gave to each case. In the passage, the ruse was carried out with **consummate skill**, meaning extremely great skill. **Consummate** collocates naturally with nouns like **skill**, **care** and **attention**.

3. **It was necessary for the interloper to _____ a convincing story in order to gain access to the exhibit.**
✔ **E) concoct**
Concoct means to invent or make up, often a story, excuse or plan. It is used especially when the story is clever or untrue. The gap comes after **to**, so a verb is needed, and **concoct a convincing story** is a natural collocation. Not **perpetrate**, because you perpetrate a crime or a trick, not a story.

4. **In order to _____ the swindle, the jaunty confidence man adopted an amorous approach toward the wealthy widow.**
✔ **B) perpetrate**
Perpetrate means to commit or carry out something bad, such as a crime, fraud or swindle. It collocates naturally with **swindle**, **crime** and **hoax**. In the passage, the ruse was **perpetrated**, meaning carried out. Not **concoct**: that would mean inventing the swindle, but the con man's approach to the widow is how he carries it out.

5. **The experienced teacher realized that Ricky's stomachache was merely a _____ to keep him from taking the French test.**
✔ **A) subterfuge**
Subterfuge is a noun meaning a trick or deception used to avoid something or to reach a goal. The article **a** before the gap shows that a noun is needed. Ricky's pretend stomachache is a trick to avoid the test. Example: **He used a subterfuge to get into the party without a ticket.**

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

perpetrate
✔ **C) commit**
Perpetrate means to **commit**, usually something wrong or harmful. Example: **to perpetrate a crime**, **to perpetrate a fraud**.

7. **consummate**
✔ **B) complete, of the highest degree**
As an adjective, **consummate** means **complete, of the highest degree**, or perfect. Example: **a consummate professional**, **consummate skill**.

8. **subterfuge**
✔ **D) ruse, trick**
A **subterfuge** is a **ruse** or **trick**: a clever deception used to hide something or get what you want. Example: **The plan to fool the Nazis was a brilliant subterfuge.**

9. **concoct**
✔ **A) devise**
Concoct means to **devise**: to invent or put together a plan, story or excuse. Example: **British officers concocted a bold plan.**

10. **fallacious**
✔ **E) misleading**
Fallacious means **misleading** or false, based on a wrong idea. Example: **The officers planted fallacious documents on the body.**