ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✔ **D) gullible**
Gullible means easily cheated or fooled. A **dupe** is a person who has been tricked, so a gullible dupe was fooled by others and did not knowingly take part in the crime. In the passage, the German High Command was **gullible** because it believed the fake papers of “Major Martin.”

2. **As the audience watched the master _____ his chess pieces, they applauded his virtuosity.**
✔ **E) deploy**
Deploy means to position forces according to a plan. Chess pieces are moved like troops, so a master **deploys** his pieces. The gap follows **watched the master**, so it needs a base-form verb. In the passage, the German troops were **deployed** to unimportant areas.

3. **An expert was summoned to _____ to the authenticity of the Rembrandts found in the Nazi cache of stolen masterpieces.**
✔ **B) attest**
Attest means to certify, or to state officially that something is true. It is used in the pattern **attest to something**: **an expert attests to the authenticity** of a painting. In the passage, all the evidence **attested to** the fact that the Germans had been fooled.

4. **When their team won the championship in the final seconds, the fans had reason to _____.**
✔ **A) exult**
Exult means to rejoice greatly, or to feel and show great happiness about a success. A last-second championship win gives fans a reason to **exult**. The passage uses the same pattern: the conspirators **had reason to exult** because their trick worked.

5. **I could not solve the _____ of why an altruistic person should exhibit such cupidity.**
✔ **C) enigma**
An **enigma** is a riddle, something puzzling or hard to explain. It fits the phrase **solve the enigma**. A generous (**altruistic**) person who shows greed (**cupidity**) is a contradiction, so the behaviour is an enigma. In the passage, Montagu's reply was a real **enigma** to the king.

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

exult
✔ **E) rejoice greatly**
Exult means to rejoice greatly, or to be extremely happy about a success or victory. Example: **The fans exulted when the final whistle blew.**

7. **attest**
✔ **A) to certify**
Attest means to certify, or to confirm that something is true or genuine. It is often followed by **to**. Example: **Several witnesses attested to his honesty.**

8. **gullible**
✔ **B) easily cheated or fooled**
Gullible means easily cheated or fooled, because you believe things too quickly. Example: **Only a gullible person would believe that email.**

9. **deploy**
✔ **C) to position forces according to a plan**
Deploy means to position forces, such as troops or equipment, according to a plan. Example: **The army deployed soldiers along the border.**

10. **enigma**
✔ **D) riddle**
An **enigma** is a riddle, or a person or thing that is mysterious and difficult to understand. Example: **How the thief escaped remains an enigma.**

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