ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Why did Silas Marner _____ wealth and practice cupidity?**
   ✔ **E) crave**
   The gap comes after **did Silas Marner**, so it needs a base-form verb. **Crave** means to want something very strongly, which fits a man who loved money (**cupidity** = greed). In the passage, Washoe **craves** more dessert.

2. **Once the hoax had been concocted, a _____ of problems arose.**
   ✔ **C) myriad**
   The phrase **a ___ of problems** needs a noun meaning a large number. **Myriad** means a countless number: **a myriad of problems** = very many problems. The passage says Washoe knows **a myriad of other terms**.

3. **The defendant was alleged to have been an army deserter, but the judge said that was _____ to the case.**
   ✔ **A) irrelevant**
   Irrelevant to means not connected with the subject. The judge meant that being an army deserter had nothing to do with the case. In the passage, it is **irrelevant** that Washoe cannot talk.

4. **By embellishing her work with _____ humor, the sophisticated playwright succeeded on Broadway.**
   ✔ **B) urbane**
   The gap describes **humor**, so it needs an adjective. **Urbane** means polished, elegant and witty, which suits a **sophisticated** playwright. Not **irrelevant**: humor that is not connected to the play would not explain her success.

5. **The lieutenant confessed to a _____ of ignorance in order to properly evaluate his corporal's resourcefulness.**
   ✔ **D) veneer**
   A **veneer** is a thin outer covering, or a false outward appearance. The lieutenant only pretended to be ignorant (**a veneer of ignorance**) so he could watch how resourceful his corporal was. Not **myriad**: the point is a pretended appearance, not a large number.

6. **Definitions:** Take the bull by the horns and match the new words with their meanings.

   veneer
   ✔ **D) thin covering**
   Veneer means a thin covering, for example a thin layer of good wood on cheaper furniture. It is also used for a false surface appearance: **a veneer of politeness**.

7. **myriad**
   ✔ **B) countless number**
   Myriad means a countless or very large number: **a myriad of stars**. It can also be used as an adjective: **myriad problems**.

8. **urbane**
   ✔ **C) polished, witty**
   Urbane describes someone polished, elegant, witty and comfortable in society: **an urbane host who charmed every guest**.

9. **crave**
   ✔ **A) to desire**
   Crave is a verb meaning to desire something very strongly: **After the long run, she craved a cold drink.**

10. **irrelevant**
    ✔ **E) not related to the subject**
    Irrelevant means not related to the subject being discussed: **His age is irrelevant to whether he can do the job.**

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