ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✔ **C) deem**
Deem means to believe or judge something to be true. It is often followed by an object and **to be**: **Whom do you deem to be…?** The passage uses it the same way: chimpanzees are **deemed** by scientists to be the closest to man.

2. **The firemen did not have to cajole the enthusiastic _____ into helping them extinguish the blaze.**
✔ **E) buff**
A **buff** (noun) is a fan or enthusiast, someone who is very interested in a hobby or activity. The gap needs a noun after **the enthusiastic**, so only **buff** fits. Here it is a fire buff, a fan who gladly helps the firemen. Compare **cinema buffs** in the passage.

3. **When the intercity competition began, our team was supposed to _____ over our hapless rivals.**
✔ **A) romp**
Romp means to move or play in a lively way. **Romp over** someone means to win against them easily. The verb after **was supposed to** and the clue **hapless** (unlucky) rivals point to **romp**: the team expected an easy victory.

4. **At the age of 42, the artist first became cognizant of his _____ genius, which had been hidden until then.**
✔ **D) latent**
Latent means present but hidden, not yet developed or noticed. The clues **first became cognizant** (aware) and **had been hidden until then** show that the genius was there all along but unnoticed. Not **inherent**, which means inborn and does not stress that the quality was hidden.

5. **Certain mice have an _____ alertness that enables them to conquer the researchers’ labyrinths.**
✔ **B) inherent**
Inherent means inborn, a natural part of something. The mice are born with their alertness; they did not learn it. The article **an** also needs a word beginning with a vowel sound, so **inherent** fits and **latent** does not.

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

deem
✔ **E) believe, to judge**
Deem means to believe or to judge, to consider something in a particular way. Example: **The judges deemed her essay the best.**

7. **inherent**
✔ **C) inborn**
Inherent means inborn, a basic, natural part of someone or something. Example: **the inherent ability of the chimpanzee.** Not **lying hidden**, which is the meaning of **latent**.

8. **buff (n.)**
✔ **D) a fan, follower**
As a noun, a **buff** is a fan or follower, someone who knows a lot about a subject and loves it. Example: **cinema buffs**, **a history buff**.

9. **romp**
✔ **B) to move in a lively manner**
Romp means to move or play in a lively, energetic way. Example: **Tarzan's clever monkey romps through the jungle. Romp over** someone also means to beat them easily.

10. **latent**
✔ **A) lying hidden**
Latent means lying hidden: it is present but not yet seen or developed. Example: **the latent intelligence of those animals.** Not **inborn**, which is the meaning of **inherent**.

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