ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **B) tortuous**
Tortuous means full of twists and turns, or winding. A road that climbs with many bends is a **tortuous road**. The other drivers were **nettled** (annoyed) because our car went up it so easily. In the passage, the chimps find their way out of 'the most tortuous maze'.

2. **Arguments over money have often led to _____ havoc.**
✓ **D) conjugal**
Conjugal means relating to marriage or to husband and wife. **Conjugal havoc** is serious trouble inside a marriage, and arguments about money often cause it. In the passage, chimps are loyal in their 'conjugal relationships'.

3. **The sedentary twin was content to follow his brother’s _____ on a map.**
✓ **E) peregrination**
A **peregrination** is a long journey, or travel from place to place. The **sedentary** (stay-at-home) twin follows his brother's travels on a map instead of travelling himself. Not **itinerant**: as a noun it means a wandering person, not a journey, so it does not fit the meaning here.

4. **Signs were posted in the lobby to prevent _____ beggars and others of that ilk from entering.**
✓ **C) itinerant**
Itinerant means wandering or travelling from place to place, with no fixed home. **Itinerant beggars** move around asking for money. The passage calls the chimpanzee 'something of an itinerant' because he goes his nomadic way through the jungle.

5. **The warmth of Mr. Smythe’s greeting each morning may be construed as an excellent _____ of his health.**
✓ **A) barometer**
A **barometer** is literally an instrument that measures air pressure. Figuratively, it is anything that shows changes in a situation. Mr. Smythe's warm greeting is a good sign, or **barometer**, of how healthy he is. The passage uses it the same way: loyalty may be another 'barometer' of chimps' intelligence.

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

tortuous
✓ **B) winding**
Tortuous means **winding**, full of twists and turns, as in **a tortuous mountain road**. Do not confuse it with **torturous** (causing great pain).

7. **itinerant**
✓ **A) wandering**
Itinerant means **wandering**, moving from place to place, as in **an itinerant salesman**. Not **travel**: that is the noun meaning of **peregrination**, while **itinerant** describes a person who wanders.

8. **peregrination**
✓ **C) travel**
A **peregrination** is **travel**, a journey, especially a long one from place to place. Example: **His peregrinations took him across three continents.** Not **wandering**: that matches the adjective **itinerant**.

9. **conjugal**
✓ **D) relating to marriage**
Conjugal means **relating to marriage**, or to the relationship between husband and wife. Example: **conjugal happiness**.

10. **barometer**
✓ **E) instrument for measuring change**
A **barometer** is an **instrument for measuring change**. It literally measures air pressure to forecast the weather, and it is also used for anything that shows changes, as in **Sales are a barometer of the economy.**

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