ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) opulence**
Opulence means great wealth or luxury. The clue is **discovered its real …**: only when the old building was taken apart did the workers see how rich and luxurious it really was, e.g. **the opulence of the palace**. Not **scion**, which is a person (a child of a family), not a quality of a building.

2. **As the _____ of a family of wealthy bankers, Rothschild never had to face the vicissitudes of life.**
✓ **A) scion**
A **scion** is a child or descendant, especially of an important or wealthy family. The clue is **of a family of wealthy bankers**: Rothschild was born into that family, so he never faced life's hardships (**vicissitudes**).

3. **Uriah Heep's _____ manner nettled all but the most gullible.**
✓ **D) obsequious**
Obsequious means too eager to please or obey, fawning. Uriah Heep, the Dickens character, is famous for his false humility, so his **obsequious manner** annoyed (**nettled**) everyone except very trusting (**gullible**) people. Not **fulsome**, which describes excessive praise or compliments, not a person's manner.

4. **In order to _____ the captive, his jailers repeatedly reviled capitalism while praising communism.**
✓ **E) indoctrinate**
To **indoctrinate** means to teach someone a set of beliefs so that they accept them without question. The gap needs a verb after **In order to**, and the jailers attacked one system and praised another to change the prisoner's beliefs. It is the only verb among the options.

5. **The actress received _____ compliments from her friends but trenchant criticism from the reviewers.**
✓ **B) fulsome**
Fulsome means excessive and often insincere, especially about praise: **fulsome compliments**. The sentence contrasts the friends' over-generous praise with the reviewers' sharp (**trenchant**) criticism. Not **obsequious**, which describes a person or their behaviour, not compliments.

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

scion
✓ **A) child, descendant**
Scion means a child or descendant, usually of a rich or famous family. The passage calls Siddhartha **the scion of a family of warrior-kings**.

7. **indoctrinate**
✓ **B) to teach certain principles**
Indoctrinate means to teach someone certain principles or beliefs so that they accept them fully. In the passage, Siddhartha was **being indoctrinated** for the day he would become king.

8. **opulence**
✓ **C) wealth, riches**
Opulence means wealth, riches and luxury. The young prince grew up **in an atmosphere of opulence**, protected from the hard realities of life.

9. **obsequious**
✓ **D) seeking favor, fawning**
Obsequious means seeking favour by being too eager to please, fawning. The prince's **obsequious servants** did everything he wanted. Not **excessive, insincere**: that is **fulsome**, which describes praise rather than people.

10. **fulsome**
✓ **E) excessive, insincere**
Fulsome means excessive and insincere, usually about praise or compliments. The servants lavished **fulsome praise** on the prince. Not **seeking favor, fawning**: that is **obsequious**, which describes the people giving the praise.