ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **B) juxtapose**
Juxtapose means to place two things side by side, often to compare or contrast them. The sentence puts two philosophies next to each other, and only then can they 'conflict'. The gap follows **to**, so it needs a verb. Not **cope**, which needs **with** and means 'to manage'.

2. **Judge Felder commented with asperity upon the wife’s charge of _____.**
✓ **D) incompatibility**
After **charge of** we need a noun naming the complaint. **Incompatibility** means a lack of harmony between two people, a common reason given in divorce cases. **Plight** is also a noun, but it means a bad situation, not an accusation against a partner.

3. **Just how our club’s president is able to _____ with so many disparate personalities is something I’ll never understand.**
✓ **A) cope**
Cope with means to deal successfully with something difficult. The clue is the preposition **with** and the difficulty of **so many disparate (very different) personalities**: **I can't cope with so much work.** **Juxtapose** does not take **with** and does not mean 'manage'.

4. **The _____ of the refugees who wandered about in a desultory fashion moved us to tears.**
✓ **E) plight**
Plight means a difficult or dangerous situation: **the plight of the homeless**. It fits the pattern **the plight of** + people who are suffering, and it explains why the speakers were **moved to tears**.

5. **Woodrow Wilson stated that he found _____ agreements to be reprehensible.**
✓ **C) covert**
The gap comes before the noun **agreements**, so it needs an adjective. **Covert** means secret or hidden: **covert operations**. Wilson called such **secret agreements reprehensible** (deserving blame). He wanted open diplomacy instead.

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

juxtapose
✓ **B) to place side by side**
Juxtapose is a verb meaning **to place side by side**, usually so that two things can be compared: **The exhibition juxtaposes old and modern photographs.**

7. **plight**
✓ **C) predicament, dangerous situation**
Plight is a noun meaning a **predicament** or dangerous, unpleasant situation: **the plight of America's female alcoholics**, as the passage says.

8. **covert**
✓ **D) secret, hidden**
Covert is an adjective meaning **secret, hidden**, the opposite of **overt**. The passage speaks of **covert alcoholics**: people whose drinking is hidden and who are not in treatment.

9. **cope**
✓ **E) to be a match for, to be able to handle**
Cope is a verb meaning **to be able to handle** something difficult. It is usually followed by **with**: **Women drink to help themselves cope with life's vicissitudes.**

10. **incompatibility**
✓ **A) quality of being mismated, lack of harmony**
Incompatibility is a noun meaning **lack of harmony**, the quality of being badly matched. Two people are **incompatible** when they cannot live or work well together.

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