ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) fabricate**
To **fabricate** means to invent a false story or excuse, in other words to lie or concoct. You **fabricate an alibi** when you make up a story to prove you were somewhere else. The word **adroitly** (skilfully) fits this meaning, and the passage uses it the same way: she can **fabricate a story skillfully**.

2. **The widow grew maudlin as she reminisced about her former _____ bliss.**
✓ **A) connubial**
Connubial means related to marriage. A widow remembering her married life recalls her **connubial bliss**, the happiness of her marriage. The gap needs an adjective before the noun **bliss**, and **connubial** is the only adjective among the options that fits.

3. **I will have to _____ even if I receive a bona fide invitation to run for the G.O. council.**
✓ **E) demur**
To **demur** means to object or to show reluctance, often by politely saying no. The speaker will refuse even a **bona fide** (genuine) invitation, so **demur** fits. After **have to**, the gap needs a base-form verb. Not **fabricate**, because the sentence is about refusing, not lying.

4. **Because he was the scion of the richest family on our block, Lenny was given the _____ of “Rockefeller.”**
✓ **B) appellation**
An **appellation** is a name or title given to someone. Lenny came from the richest family on the block, so people gave him the nickname “Rockefeller”. The gap follows **the** and comes before **of**, so it needs a noun, and **appellation** is the only noun meaning “a name”.

5. **He was ashamed to admit that a pesky skin rash _____ him for weeks at a time.**
✓ **D) incapacitated**
Incapacitated means disabled or made unable to act normally. The skin rash kept him from functioning **for weeks at a time**. The gap needs a past-tense verb with **him** as its object, and **incapacitated** fits this pattern.

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

incapacitated
✓ **E) disabled, made unfit**
Incapacitated means disabled, or made unfit to do something. Example: **The injury left him incapacitated for a month.** In the passage, the woman is often **incapacitated** by drinking but hides her condition.

7. **fabricate**
✓ **C) to lie, concoct**
To **fabricate** means to lie or to make up (concoct) a false story. Example: **She fabricated an excuse for being late.** It can also mean to build or manufacture something, but in this lesson it means inventing something untrue.

8. **connubial**
✓ **D) related to marriage**
Connubial means related to marriage. In the passage, **connubial stress** means stress in a marriage. Example: **connubial bliss** = happiness in marriage.

9. **demur**
✓ **A) to object**
To **demur** means to object or to show unwillingness. In the passage, most female drinkers would **demur at** being called “alcoholic”, which means they would object to the label. Don't confuse it with **demure**, an adjective meaning quiet and modest.

10. **appellation**
✓ **B) a name**
An **appellation** is a name or title. In the passage, **the appellation of “alcoholic”** means the label “alcoholic”. Example: **He earned the appellation “the Iron Man”.**

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