ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Barron's 1100 Words You Need to Know (MCQ Test + PDF) Week 22 – Day 4

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## Explanations

**1.** *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **B) acknowledge**
To **acknowledge** means to admit that something is true or exists. Monte would not admit that outside pressures were hurting his grades. In the passage, a woman who **acknowledged** the danger signals is one who admitted they applied to her. Not **delude**, because Monte is not fooling the pressures; he refuses to recognise them.

**2.** **We must not allow fulsome praise to _____ us about our actual abilities.**
✓ **D) delude**
To **delude** someone means to fool them into believing something false. Too much praise (**fulsome praise**) can make us believe we are better than we really are. The structure **delude someone about something** fits the gap. Not **acknowledge**, because praise cannot "admit" us.

**3.** **The drugs could only _____ the symptoms, not provide the cure.**
✓ **E) palliate**
To **palliate** means to make something less severe without curing it. The clue is **only … not provide the cure**: the drugs reduce the symptoms but do not remove the illness. Not **delude**, which means to fool someone and cannot be done to symptoms.

**4.** **As a _____ to his performance, the bullfighter vowed to do penance for his sins.**
✓ **C) prelude**
A **prelude** is something that comes before a main event and introduces it. The gap follows **As a** and needs a noun: the bullfighter's vow came before his performance. In the passage, drinking as a **prelude** to a social obligation means drinking before it.

**5.** **The scheme sounded _____, but we were indoctrinated to believe that it could work.**
✓ **A) chimerical**
**Chimerical** means imaginary, fantastic or wildly unrealistic. The clue is **but … it could work**: the scheme seemed impossible, yet people were taught to believe in it. It is the only adjective among the options, so it fits after **sounded**.

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

**palliate**
✓ **B) alleviate, relieve without curing**
To **palliate** means to **alleviate** or relieve something, such as pain or a problem, without curing it. Example: **The medicine palliated her pain.**

**7.** **delude**
✓ **D) to fool**
To **delude** means to fool someone, or yourself, into believing something that is not true. Example: **Don't delude yourself that the test will be easy.**

**8.** **prelude**
✓ **C) introduction**
A **prelude** is an introduction: an event or action that comes before something more important. Example: **The talks were a prelude to a peace agreement.**

**9.** **chimerical**
✓ **A) visionary, imaginary, fantastic**
**Chimerical** means visionary, imaginary or fantastic: existing only in the mind, or too unrealistic to happen. Example: **a chimerical plan to get rich overnight.**

**10.** **acknowledge**
✓ **E) admit**
To **acknowledge** means to admit or accept that something is true. Example: **He acknowledged that he had made a mistake.**

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