ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) maladjusted**
Maladjusted means poorly adjusted or emotionally disturbed, unable to cope well with daily life or other people. A child guidance bureau helps exactly such children, so this word fits. In the passage, Biology 128 was 'replete with **maladjusted** students'.

2. **Our algebra class is a _____ one in which bright students are juxtaposed with slower ones.**
✓ **D) heterogeneous**
Heterogeneous means mixed or made up of dissimilar parts. The clue is that bright students are **juxtaposed** (placed side by side) with slower ones, so the class is mixed. Not **analogous**, which means similar, the opposite idea.

3. **Senator Thorpe was _____ enough to realize that the scurrilous charge would have little effect upon the voters.**
✓ **E) perspicacious**
Perspicacious means acutely perceptive or shrewd, quick to understand what others miss. The pattern '_____ enough to realize' needs an adjective about insight. The senator shrewdly saw that the charge would not affect the voters.

4. **Although the lawyer acknowledged that the two cases were hardly _____, he still felt that he had a good precedent on his side.**
✓ **B) analogous**
Analogous means comparable or similar in some way. A lawyer uses an earlier case as a precedent when the two cases are **analogous**. The word 'Although' shows that these cases were hardly similar, but he still felt the precedent helped him. Not **heterogeneous**, which describes a group of mixed parts, not two things being compared.

5. **The actress ran the _____ of emotions in a poignant performance that thrilled the audience.**
✓ **A) gamut**
Gamut means the whole range of something. The fixed phrase is **run the gamut of**, meaning to go through every kind of something: **She ran the gamut of emotions, from joy to despair.** It is the only noun among the options.

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

heterogeneous
✓ **E) dissimilar**
Heterogeneous means dissimilar or mixed, made up of different kinds. Example: **a heterogeneous class of students with very different abilities**. Its opposite is **homogeneous** (all the same kind).

7. **gamut**
✓ **A) range**
Gamut means range, the complete series from one end to the other. In the passage, names run 'the **gamut** from Adams to Zilch', meaning from A all the way to Z.

8. **perspicacious**
✓ **B) acutely perceptive, shrewd**
Perspicacious means acutely perceptive or shrewd. In the passage, Mr. Sloane is a **perspicacious** teacher because he notices the differences between his two classes that others might miss.

9. **analogous**
✓ **D) comparable, similar**
Analogous means comparable or similar. In the passage, the two classes' reading scores and I.Q.'s were 'roughly **analogous**', meaning about the same. Do not confuse it with 'dissimilar', which is the meaning of **heterogeneous**.

10. **maladjusted**
✓ **C) poorly adjusted, disturbed**
Maladjusted means poorly adjusted or disturbed, not able to cope well with life or other people. The prefix **mal-** means 'badly', as in **malfunction**.

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