ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **E) perpetuate**
Perpetuate means to make something continue for a long time. Don Ricardo wanted his son to keep the family business going: **perpetuate the family business**. In the passage, Mr. Sloane did not want to **perpetuate** (continue) the disorders.

2. **If the draconian regulations are to continue unabated, they will have _____ results.**
✓ **B) catastrophic**
Catastrophic means disastrous, causing great damage. Harsh (draconian) rules that continue without stopping will have very bad results: **catastrophic results**. Not **compensatory**, because that describes something that makes up for a loss, not something harmful.

3. **Dr. Meyers prescribed medication to _____ the acid condition that had incapacitated my uncle.**
✓ **D) neutralize**
Neutralize means to counteract, to stop something from having its effect. Medicine is often taken to **neutralize** acid in the body. After **to** we need a verb, so the adjectives **compensatory** and **catastrophic** do not fit.

4. **As a prelude to his victory speech, the mayor announced that he considered the large vote to be a _____ from the people.**
✓ **C) mandate**
A **mandate** is an authoritative order or command. In politics it often means the authority voters give a winner to carry out their plans: **a mandate from the people**. The article **a** before the gap shows that a noun is needed.

5. **_____ education may help minority groups to cope with their plight.**
✓ **A) compensatory**
Compensatory means serving to pay back or make up for something. **Compensatory education** gives extra help to groups who have had fewer chances, to make up for their disadvantages. An adjective is needed before the noun **education**.

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

perpetuate
✓ **B) to cause to continue**
Perpetuate means to cause to continue, to make something last. Example: **Old customs are perpetuated by each new generation.** In the passage, Mr. Sloane did not want to **perpetuate** the disorders.

7. **mandate**
✓ **E) an authoritative order or command**
A **mandate** is an authoritative order or command, or the official authority to do something. In the passage, Mr. Sloane asked the administration for a **mandate** to change the seating in the whole building.

8. **compensatory**
✓ **D) serving to pay back**
Compensatory means serving to pay back or make up for something (from **compensate**). Mr. Sloane called his change a **compensatory** factor, meaning it would make up for the harm of the old seating policy. Not **to counteract**, which is the meaning of **neutralize**.

9. **neutralize**
✓ **A) to counteract**
Neutralize means to counteract, to stop something from having an effect. Example: **The medicine neutralized the acid.** In the passage, the new seating was meant to **neutralize** the bad effects of the traditional policy.

10. **catastrophic**
✓ **C) disastrous**
Catastrophic means disastrous, causing great damage (from **catastrophe**, a disaster). In the passage, Mr. Sloane spoke of the **catastrophic** effects of alphabetical seating.

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