ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✔ **D) originate**
Originate means **to begin or arise**. The sentence says the habits begin in adolescence and then continue. The passage uses the word the same way: **A superstition originates in ignorance.**

2. **The murderer made a (an) _____ to the governor for a pardon.**
✔ **E) entreaty**
An **entreaty** is a serious appeal or plea. The clue is **made a (an) ___ to the governor for a pardon**: he was begging for forgiveness. The article **an** also signals a noun that starts with a vowel sound.

3. **Despite the inexorable torture, 007 kept the _____ secret of the labyrinth leading to the underground headquarters.**
✔ **A) inviolable**
Inviolable means safe from being broken or destroyed. Even under torture, 007 kept the secret completely protected. Not **vulnerable**, which means the opposite: easily hurt or attacked.

4. **It appears that many computers are _____ to “viruses” that can cause great damage.**
✔ **C) vulnerable**
Vulnerable means capable of being injured or harmed. It is often followed by **to**: **vulnerable to viruses**. Computers can easily be damaged by viruses.

5. **The Inuit have a (an) _____ of rubbing noses to show affection.**
✔ **B) tradition**
A **tradition** is a custom handed down from one generation to the next. Rubbing noses to show affection is an old custom of the Inuit people. The words **have a (an) ___ of** need a noun meaning a habit or custom.

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

vulnerable
✔ **B) capable of being injured**
Vulnerable means capable of being injured or open to attack. Example: **Sneezing left our bodies vulnerable to the devil.**

7. **entreaty**
✔ **D) appeal, plea**
An **entreaty** is an appeal or plea, a serious request. Example: **He made an entreaty to God for help.**

8. **tradition**
✔ **C) custom that has been handed down**
A **tradition** is a custom that has been handed down over many years. Example: **Saying "God bless you" after a sneeze is an old tradition.**

9. **originate**
✔ **A) begin, arise**
Originate means to begin or arise. Example: **Many superstitions originate in ignorance.**

10. **inviolable**
✔ **E) safe (from destruction, etc.)**
Inviolable means safe from destruction or attack, something that cannot be broken. Example: **The superstition continues inviolable over the years.** Don't confuse it with **vulnerable**, which means the opposite.

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