ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) hostile**
Hostile means unfriendly, angry and ready to oppose someone. The clue is that the bigot **began to attack minority groups**, which would make the audience angry. Not **lethargic**, because an attack would wake people up, not make them lazy or indifferent.

2. **Long hair among boys is so _____ today, there is no longer a prohibition against it in most schools.**
✓ **A) prevalent**
Prevalent means common or widespread. The clue is **so … today** and the fact that schools no longer forbid it: long hair has become so common that it is accepted. Not **paramount**, which means 'most important', not 'common'.

3. **We are all susceptible to a _____ feeling after a heavy meal.**
✓ **E) lethargic**
Lethargic means sleepy, slow and without energy. After **a heavy meal**, people usually feel tired and lazy, e.g. **I always feel lethargic after lunch.**

4. **A good politician seeks the _____ issue in his community.**
✓ **B) paramount**
Paramount means supreme or most important. A good politician looks for the most important issue in the community. Not **prevalent**: a common issue is not necessarily the most important one, and **the paramount issue** is the natural collocation.

5. **We would be _____ if we overlooked the importance of the Internet to the interchange of ideas and information.**
✓ **D) remiss**
Remiss means careless or negligent in one's duty. The clue is **if we overlooked**: failing to notice something important is careless, e.g. **It would be remiss of me not to thank you.**

6. **Definitions:** Matching words and definitions will prove you’ve learned them.

lethargic
✓ **B) lazy, indifferent**
Lethargic means lazy, slow, without energy or interest. In the passage, the public is **often lethargic**, meaning it is often indifferent and inactive.

7. **prevalent**
✓ **A) prevailing, common, general**
Prevalent means prevailing, common or general. The passage says the mass media are **the most prevalent** of the influences, meaning the most widespread.

8. **paramount**
✓ **D) supreme, foremost**
Paramount means supreme or foremost, the most important. The passage says the media have **a paramount position** in shaping public opinion. Do not confuse it with **prevalent** (common).

9. **remiss**
✓ **E) careless, negligent**
Remiss means careless or negligent, especially about a duty. The passage says the media are accused of being **remiss in their duty** to inform the public.

10. **hostile**
✓ **C) antagonistic, angry**
Hostile means antagonistic, unfriendly or angry. In the passage, **hostile comment** is angry criticism aimed at the media.

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