ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Barron’s 1100 Words You Need to Know (MCQ Test + PDF) Week 26 – Day 4

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) acute**
Acute means sharp, severe or very serious. After a disaster, the need for housing is urgent and serious, so it is an **acute need**. The passage uses the same sense: the electronic media have more **acute** (more serious) problems than the press.

2. **The young lover was susceptible to _____ feelings of jealousy, which disappeared as quickly as they came, when he saw his sweetheart dancing with his best friend.**
✓ **E) transient**
Transient means passing, short-lived or fleeting. The clue **disappeared as quickly as they came** shows that the jealousy did not last long. Not **acute**: that word describes how strong a feeling is, not how short it is.

3. **She tried to get the _____ of her message into a 25-word telegram.**
✓ **D) gist**
The **gist** is the essence or main point of something. A 25-word telegram has room only for the main idea, so she tried to fit in the **gist** of her message, as in **Just give me the gist of the story**.

4. **The mayor made a _____, one-line statement in which he rebuked his election opponent for making a contemptuous accusation.**
✓ **A) terse**
Terse means concise, brief and often a little sharp or cold in tone. The clue **one-line** shows the statement was very short, and a short rebuke sounds curt. Not **cogent**: that word means convincing, not short.

5. **The best debater makes the most _____ presentation.**
✓ **B) cogent**
Cogent means forceful, convincing and persuasive. A debater wins by persuading the judges, so the best debater makes the most **cogent** presentation. Not **terse**: a short presentation is not necessarily convincing.

6. **Definitions:** This day’s work requires careful study.

acute
✓ **E) sharp, keen, severe**
Acute means sharp, keen or severe, as in **an acute pain** or **an acute shortage of water**.

7. **gist**
✓ **C) essence, main point**
The **gist** is the essence or main point of something, as in **I didn't understand every word, but I got the gist**.

8. **transient**
✓ **D) passing, short-lived, fleeting**
Transient means passing, short-lived or fleeting. It describes something that lasts only a short time, as in **a transient feeling of joy**.

9. **terse**
✓ **B) concise, brief, compact**
Terse means concise, brief and compact. It describes words or replies that use very few words, as in **a terse reply**.

10. **cogent**
✓ **A) forceful, convincing, persuasive**
Cogent means forceful, convincing and persuasive. It usually describes arguments or reasons, as in **a cogent argument**.

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