ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **It is the prevalent mood for youngsters to be _____ with the world situation.**
   ✔ **B) disgruntled**
   Disgruntled means unhappy and displeased about something. The sentence says young people feel dissatisfied **with the world situation**, which fits this meaning. Example: **The disgruntled workers complained about their pay.**

2. **Many people hoped that the United Nations would be the _____ for the problems of our time.**
   ✔ **A) panacea**
   A **panacea** is a cure-all, a single solution for all problems. The article **the** and the phrase **for the problems** call for a noun meaning 'solution', and **panacea** is the only noun among the options.

3. **The new mayor promised to _____ crime from the city streets.**
   ✔ **E) eradicate**
   Eradicate means to wipe out or remove something completely. The verb fits after **promised to**, and the pattern is **eradicate something from a place**. Example: **Doctors hope to eradicate the disease.** Not **impede**, which means only 'slow down or block', and we don't say **impede crime from the streets**.

4. **An _____ sign of spring is the blooming of the crocus.**
   ✔ **C) infallible**
   Infallible means never wrong, completely reliable. The adjective describes **sign**: the blooming of the crocus always shows that spring has come. The article **An** also points to a word starting with a vowel sound.

5. **Nothing could _____ the bigot from his vitriolic verbal attack.**
   ✔ **D) impede**
   Impede means to interfere with, block or hinder. The gap comes after **could**, so it needs a base verb: nothing could stop or hold back the angry attack. Not **eradicate**, because it means 'destroy completely' and doesn't fit 'stop someone from doing something'.

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

   disgruntled
   ✔ **B) unhappy, displeased**
   Disgruntled means **unhappy, displeased**. Example: **Disgruntled customers asked for their money back.**

7. **infallible**
   ✔ **A) exempt from error, right**
   Infallible means **exempt from error, right**: never making mistakes. Example: **No test is infallible.**

8. **panacea**
   ✔ **D) cure-all**
   A **panacea** is a **cure-all**: one remedy for every problem. Example: **Money is not a panacea for all of life's troubles.**

9. **eradicate**
   ✔ **C) wipe out**
   Eradicate means to **wipe out**, to destroy something completely. Example: **The campaign aims to eradicate polio.**

10. **impede**
    ✔ **E) interfere, block, hinder**
    Impede means to **interfere, block, hinder**: to make progress slow or difficult. Example: **Heavy snow impeded the rescue team.**

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