ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **The feeling of _____ was so prevalent during the election campaign that the candidates hardly bothered to make speeches.**
   ✔ **E) apathy**
   Apathy means a lack of interest or concern. If voters feel apathy, they don't care about the election, so the candidates see little point in making speeches. The passage says fans may be in a **state of apathy** when their team is losing.

2. **Doctors _____ obese individuals to go on diets.**
   ✔ **C) exhort**
   Exhort means to urge strongly or advise. It fits the pattern **exhort someone to do something**: doctors strongly urge obese people to go on diets. In the passage, cheerleaders **exhort** the fans to spur on the team.

3. **He was usually sedate, but when _____ he became hostile.**
   ✔ **D) inebriated**
   Inebriated means drunk. The sentence contrasts his normal calm (**sedate**) state with how he behaved after drinking: **when inebriated** he became hostile. An adjective is needed after **when**, and only **inebriated** fits.

4. **The _____ started when he besmirched my good name.**
   ✔ **A) fracas**
   A **fracas** is a noisy fight or brawl. Insulting someone's good name (**besmirched**) is a typical reason for a fight to start. Not **adversary**: an adversary is a person, and a person doesn't 'start' in this way.

5. **My _____ became disgruntled because my arguments were so cogent.**
   ✔ **B) adversary**
   An **adversary** is an opponent or enemy. The clue is the argument: the person on the other side became annoyed (**disgruntled**) because my arguments were so convincing (**cogent**). The gap needs a noun for a person after **My**.

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

   exhort
   ✔ **D) urge strongly, advise**
   Exhort is a verb meaning to urge strongly or advise. Example: **The coach exhorted the players to keep fighting.**

7. **apathy**
   ✔ **C) lack of interest, unconcern**
   Apathy is a noun meaning lack of interest or unconcern. Example: **Voter apathy led to a very low turnout.**

8. **fracas**
   ✔ **E) noisy fight, brawl**
   A **fracas** is a noisy fight or brawl, often involving several people. Example: **A fracas broke out in the stands during the game.**

9. **inebriated**
   ✔ **B) drunk, intoxicated**
   Inebriated is an adjective meaning drunk or intoxicated. Example: **The inebriated fan was escorted out of the stadium.**

10. **adversary**
    ✔ **A) opponent, enemy, foe**
    An **adversary** is an opponent, enemy or foe. Example: **She defeated her old adversary in the final match.**

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