ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) salubrious**
Salubrious means healthful or good for you. An ascetic lives simply and avoids luxury and excess, so some people think this way of life is **healthy**. The passage uses the word the same way: a more **salubrious** social network is a healthier, better one. Not **archaic**: an ascetic life is not described here as old-fashioned, but as wholesome.

2. **With all candor, I cannot wish for a return to the _____ times when a moribund society provided an opulent existence for some, but a loathsome life for the majority.**
✓ **D) archaic**
Archaic means belonging to the distant past, out of date. The clues are **a return to the … times** and **a moribund (dying) society**, which point to old times that have passed. In the passage, new technology quickly makes each marvel look **archaic**.

3. **There is something _____ about an egotist who has the temerity to begin a speech with, "In all humility . . . ."**
✓ **A) facetious**
Facetious means joking or humorous, often in a way that is not quite serious or appropriate. An **egotist** (a very self-centred person) who begins with **In all humility** sounds comically insincere, so there is something **facetious** about it. Not **rabid**: nothing here is fanatical or furious, just ironic.

4. **It is not prudent to malign or castigate, or be derogatory in any way toward a _____ political adherent.**
✓ **B) rabid**
Rabid means fanatical, extremely and often unreasonably enthusiastic. A **rabid political adherent** is a fanatical supporter, so it is unwise (**not prudent**) to insult or criticize such a person, as they may react furiously. In the passage, a **rabid purchaser** is someone obsessed with buying the newest product.

5. **The wish to _____ a great person is laudable.**
✓ **E) emulate**
Emulate means to try to equal or match someone you admire, often by copying them. The gap needs a verb after **to**, and **emulate** is the only verb among the options. Wanting to **emulate a great person** is **laudable** (praiseworthy). In the passage, buyers want to **emulate** their friends by getting the next product.

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

archaic
✓ **B) out of date**
Archaic means **out of date**, old-fashioned, or belonging to a much earlier time. Example: **Quill pens now seem archaic.**

7. **emulate**
✓ **C) rival, strive to equal**
Emulate means to **rival** or **strive to equal** someone, usually by imitating a person you admire. Example: **Young players often emulate their sporting heroes.**

8. **facetious**
✓ **D) comical, humorous, witty**
Facetious means **comical, humorous, witty**, often joking when seriousness is expected. Example: **His facetious remarks annoyed the serious audience.**

9. **rabid**
✓ **E) fanatical, furious, mad**
Rabid means **fanatical, furious, mad**. It describes extreme, unreasonable enthusiasm or anger (it is also used for an animal with rabies). Example: **a rabid football fan**.

10. **salubrious**
✓ **A) healthful, wholesome**
Salubrious means **healthful, wholesome**, good for your health or well-being. Example: **the salubrious mountain air**. Don't confuse it with **salary**. The two words are not related.