ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) foment**
Foment means to stir up or provoke something bad, such as trouble, rebellion or opposition. It collocates naturally with **trouble**: they told a lie **in order to foment trouble**. In the passage, Robert sees 'no need to **foment** opposition' at the start of his search.

2. **She loathed doing menial tasks, and she did them in a _____ manner.**
✓ **D) slovenly**
Slovenly means untidy, careless and lacking in effort. The clue is that she **loathed** the menial tasks, so she did them badly, **in a slovenly manner**. Not **discreet**, which means careful and tactful, the opposite of the idea here.

3. **Although it seemed inane, they sought their _____ in the midst of rustic surroundings that were not its natural habitat.**
✓ **A) quarry**
Quarry here means an animal or person that is being hunted or pursued. The clue is **its natural habitat**: they were searching for an animal they were hunting. In the passage, Evelyn is Robert's **quarry** because he is trying to find her.

4. **Despite the plethora of offers to write her life story, the recently divorced movie queen kept a _____ silence.**
✓ **E) discreet**
Discreet means careful not to reveal private information or cause embarrassment. **Keep a discreet silence** is a common collocation: she refused all the offers and said nothing about her private life.

5. **The reporters could not _____ anything from her servants.**
✓ **B) glean**
Glean means to gather information slowly and with effort, often in small pieces. It is typically used as **glean something from someone/something**: the reporters could not **glean** anything **from** her servants. In the passage, Robert could **glean** only a little from the landlord's cryptic replies.

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

discreet
✓ **A) careful, cautious, prudent**
Discreet means careful, cautious and prudent, especially about what you say. Example: **He asked discreet questions so that no one would become suspicious.**

7. **foment**
✓ **E) stir up, instigate**
Foment means to stir up or instigate trouble, violence or opposition. Example: **They were accused of fomenting unrest.**

8. **glean**
✓ **B) gather, collect**
Glean means to gather or collect, usually information, bit by bit. Example: **She gleaned a few facts from old newspapers.**

9. **quarry**
✓ **C) something hunted or pursued**
Quarry (as used here) means something hunted or pursued, a person or animal being chased. Example: **The detective finally caught up with his quarry.** Note: **quarry** can also mean a place where stone is dug out, but that is not the meaning tested here.

10. **slovenly**
✓ **D) disorderly, carelessly**
Slovenly means untidy, disorderly and done carelessly. Example: **His slovenly work was full of mistakes.**

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