ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **D) tenacious**
Tenacious means holding on firmly and refusing to give up. A person can cling to old (**antiquated**) beliefs with a **tenacious** obsession, just as the man in the passage was **tenacious** in following every lead.

2. **The woman was noted for her vituperative _____ against her innocuous, although senile, neighbor.**
✓ **E) calumny**
Calumny is a false statement made to damage someone's good name. **Vituperative** (bitterly abusive) describes this kind of attack on a harmless (**innocuous**) neighbour. In the passage, the man accuses the police of **calumny** against the girl's reputation.

3. **She could not abjure a _____ when she saw the disheveled figure.**
✓ **A) grimace**
A **grimace** is a twisted facial expression showing disgust or pain. Seeing an untidy (**disheveled**) figure might cause one, and she could not hold it back (**abjure**). In the passage, the man says “Fiancee” **with a grimace**.

4. **How _____ of the boy to fabricate that bizarre story!**
✓ **C) asinine**
Asinine means extremely silly or stupid. The pattern **How + adjective + of someone to do something** needs an adjective, and inventing (**fabricating**) a strange story is a foolish thing to do. Not **tenacious**: the sentence criticises the boy's stupidity, not his determination.

5. **His cheerful _____ hid the most doleful thoughts.**
✓ **B) façade**
A **façade** is a false outward appearance that hides what is really underneath. Here a cheerful look hides sad (**doleful**) thoughts, like the **façade** of hope in the passage that was crumbling. Not **grimace**: a grimace shows disgust or pain, so it cannot be **cheerful**.

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

tenacious
✓ **D) tough, stubborn**
Tenacious means tough and stubborn: holding on firmly and not giving up. Example: **She was tenacious in her search for the truth.**

7. **façade**
✓ **C) front, superficial appearance**
A **façade** is the front of a building, or a superficial appearance that hides the truth. Example: **His calm façade hid his fear.**

8. **asinine**
✓ **B) silly, stupid**
Asinine means silly or stupid (it comes from **ass**, the donkey). Example: **Some of the questions seemed asinine.**

9. **grimace**
✓ **E) facial expression of disgust**
A **grimace** is a twisted facial expression of disgust or pain. Example: **He replied with a grimace.**

10. **calumny**
✓ **A) false accusation, slander**
Calumny is a false accusation made to damage someone's reputation, in other words slander. Example: **He accused the police of calumny against her good name.**

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