ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **She had a _____ of humility, but it was only a façade.**
✓ **C) mien**
Mien is a noun meaning a person's appearance or bearing. After **a** and before **of humility** we need a noun, and **only a façade** shows it was just how she looked, not how she really was. In the passage, the figure in bed didn't have the grandmother's **mien**. Not **vivacious**, because it is an adjective and cannot follow **a** on its own here.

2. **He did not waste time trying to _____ an irrelevant and tortuous argument.**
✓ **E) refute**
Refute means to prove that something is wrong or false. After **to** we need a verb, and you refute an **argument**. In the passage, Thurber's moral is hard to **refute**.

3. **You may have discerned that it is no longer the latest vogue among boys to permit their faces to become _____.**
✓ **D) hirsute**
Hirsute means hairy. Faces become hairy when boys let beards grow, which links to **vogue** (fashion). In the passage, the girl noticed the wolf's **hirsute** face. Not **gaunt**, because thin faces are not something you 'permit' as a fashion.

4. **They were struck by the anomaly of one twin who was phlegmatic while the other was _____.**
✓ **A) vivacious**
Vivacious means lively and full of energy. The clue is the contrast with **phlegmatic** (calm and unemotional): one twin was calm, the other lively, which is the **anomaly**. In the passage, the **vivacious** girl quickly tells the wolf the address.

5. **Women strive for the slender and au courant _____ look.**
✓ **B) gaunt**
Gaunt means very thin, almost haggard. The clue is **slender**: the fashionable (**au courant**) look is a very thin one. In the passage, the wolf is hungry and **gaunt**.

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

vivacious
✓ **B) lively, gay**
Vivacious means lively and cheerful (**gay** here has its older meaning, 'happy'). Example: **a vivacious youngster** is full of energy.

7. **gaunt**
✓ **A) thin, haggard**
Gaunt means very thin and tired-looking (haggard), often from hunger or illness. Example: **the hungry and gaunt wolf**.

8. **mien**
✓ **D) appearance, bearing**
Mien is a noun meaning a person's appearance or bearing, the way they look and carry themselves. Example: **She had a mien of humility.**

9. **hirsute**
✓ **C) hairy**
Hirsute means hairy. Example: **the hirsute face of the wolf**.

10. **refute**
✓ **E) prove wrong or false**
Refute is a verb meaning to prove that something is wrong or false. Example: **It is difficult to refute his argument.**

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