ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Despite tenacious resistance, they were ousted from the strongpoint and had to _____ to the enemy.**
   ✓ **C) capitulate**
   Capitulate means to surrender or give up, often on agreed terms. The clue is that they were **ousted** (forced out) and had to give in **to the enemy**. Only a verb fits after **had to**, and **capitulate to** is the usual pattern: **The army capitulated to the invaders.**

2. **It was an asinine thing to do—to _____ his opponent as a bigot and thus exacerbate an already bitter campaign.**
   ✓ **E) stigmatize**
   Stigmatize means to mark someone with disgrace or a bad label. Here he publicly labels his opponent **as a bigot**, and the pattern **stigmatize someone as …** fits exactly. Not **foist**, which means passing something off as genuine, not labelling a person.

3. **It is common to hear people disparage those who paint in the modern genre; they speak about the _____ of the artist who submits a plain white canvas with a black border as a serious work.**
   ✓ **A) audacity**
   Audacity means boldness or daring, often in a shocking or cheeky way. After **the … of the artist** we need a noun, and the critics think it is very bold to present a plain white canvas as serious art. **Audacity** is the only noun among the options.

4. **They are dubious of such an artist and accuse him of trying to _____ as a work of art a rudimentary exercise.**
   ✓ **D) foist**
   Foist means to pass something off slyly as genuine or valuable. The critics accuse the artist of presenting a simple exercise **as a work of art**, so **foist … as** fits: **He tried to foist a fake painting on the buyer.**

5. **It is reprehensible to _____ a young child with the promise of a reward for being good when you have no intention of giving it.**
   ✓ **B) tantalize**
   Tantalize means to tease someone by promising something good and then not giving it. The clue is **the promise of a reward … when you have no intention of giving it**.

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

   foist
   ✓ **D) pass off slyly, pass as genuine**
   Foist means to pass something off slyly or present it as genuine when it is not. Example: **They foisted cheap copies on tourists as original designs.**

7. **stigmatize**
   ✓ **B) to mark with a disgrace**
   Stigmatize means to mark someone or something with disgrace, or to label it as shameful. Example: **Older people often stigmatize new fashions as rebellion.**

8. **capitulate**
   ✓ **A) surrender, make terms**
   Capitulate means to surrender or to give in on agreed terms. Example: **After a long siege, the city capitulated.**

9. **audacity**
   ✓ **C) boldness, daring**
   Audacity is a noun meaning boldness or daring, sometimes rude boldness. Example: **She had the audacity to criticize her boss in public.**

10. **tantalize**
    ✓ **E) tease or torment by offering something good, but not deliver**
    Tantalize means to tease or torment someone by offering something good and then keeping it out of reach. Example: **The smell of cooking tantalized the hungry children.**

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