ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) infraction**
An **infraction** is a violation, the breaking of a rule or law, e.g. **a minor traffic infraction**. The article **an** and the phrase **of even the most trivial kind** point to a countable noun for a rule-breaking act. The passage says that **an infraction aboard ship was quickly criticized**. Not **turpitude**, which means deep moral wickedness and is not used with **an**.

2. **It takes a _____ person to watch with equanimity as a gullible, naive girl falls for the line of a loathsome boy.**
✓ **D) callous**
Callous means unfeeling, showing no sympathy for others' suffering. The gap needs an adjective before **person**, and only someone without feelings could calmly watch a naive girl being deceived. The passage mentions the **callous** actions shown in the movie.

3. **How easy it is to heap _____ upon someone at the nadir of his career.**
✓ **E) vituperation**
Vituperation is harsh blame or abusive criticism. It collocates with **heap … upon someone**, as in the passage: **the vituperation heaped upon him**. The sentence describes attacking a person when his career is at its lowest point (**nadir**).

4. **There seems to be no way to _____ a grievance against an omnipotent ruler.**
✓ **A) redress**
After **to**, the gap needs a verb. **Redress** as a verb means to right a wrong or remedy an injustice, and **redress a grievance** is a fixed collocation. The passage uses the noun: **a full redress of the wrongs**. None of the other options can be used as a verb.

5. **From every facet of the case, the swindler who robbed elderly widows of their savings showed the acme of moral _____.**
✓ **B) turpitude**
Turpitude means vileness or evil wickedness. It often appears in the fixed phrase **moral turpitude**, which describes deeply shameful behaviour, such as cheating helpless people. The passage claims there was no **turpitude** in Bligh's actions. Not **vituperation**, which is harsh blame directed at someone, not the wickedness itself.

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

turpitude
✓ **B) vileness, evil wickedness**
Turpitude means vileness, evil wickedness, especially in the phrase **moral turpitude**. For example: **He was dismissed for moral turpitude.**

7. **infraction**
✓ **D) violation**
An **infraction** is a violation, the act of breaking a rule or law. For example: **a minor infraction of the school rules**.

8. **callous**
✓ **A) unfeeling**
Callous means unfeeling, cruelly indifferent to other people's pain. For example: **a callous remark about the victims**.

9. **redress**
✓ **C) to right a wrong, remedy**
Redress means to right a wrong or remedy an injustice. As a noun, it means the remedy itself. For example: **to redress a grievance**, or **to seek redress in court**.

10. **vituperation**
✓ **E) blame, abuse**
Vituperation means blame and abuse, that is, bitter, insulting criticism. For example: **The critics heaped vituperation on the film.**

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