ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **B) spate**
A **spate** is a sudden rush or large number of things coming one after another. The phrase **a spate of films** means many films appeared in a short time. Not **advent**, because that means the arrival of one new thing, not a large number of them.

2. **With the _____ of text messaging, Roger was busy night and day.**
✓ **D) advent**
Advent means the coming or arrival of something important or new. Here it means that once text messaging arrived, Roger was busy all the time. Not **spate**, because that means a flood of many things, and it does not mean that something new arrived.

3. **We question the _____ of making fun of obese people.**
✓ **E) propriety**
Propriety means whether something is suitable, correct or socially acceptable. **To question the propriety of** something means to doubt that it is right or appropriate. Here the speaker doubts that making fun of people is acceptable.

4. **I’d like to _____ my belated congratulations on your 25 years of married serenity.**
✓ **C) proffer**
Proffer is a formal verb meaning to offer something for someone to accept. The structure **I'd like to ___ my congratulations** needs a verb after **to**, and **proffer** is the only verb among the options.

5. **In the milieu of city street life it is not atypical to hear _____ comments about authority.**
✓ **A) impious**
Impious means lacking respect or reverence. **Impious comments about authority** are disrespectful remarks about people in power. An adjective is needed before the noun **comments**, and **impious** is the only adjective among the options.

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

propriety
✓ **A) suitability, correctness**
Propriety means suitability or correctness, especially in behaviour. The passage says few people question the **propriety** of rushing out new products, meaning few ask whether this is right or appropriate.

7. **advent**
✓ **C) the coming of an important event**
Advent means the coming or arrival of an important event or invention. For example, **before the advent of television** means before television existed.

8. **impious**
✓ **D) lacking respect, irreverent**
Impious means lacking respect, or irreverent. In the passage, few advertisers were **impious** enough to change a product the public trusted. In other words, they respected the public's acceptance of it.

9. **proffer**
✓ **B) offer for acceptance**
Proffer means to offer something for someone to accept. In the passage, the grocer would **proffer** the same box of cereal year after year, meaning he offered it to customers.

10. **spate**
✓ **E) rush, flood**
A **spate** is a rush or flood of things, a large number coming at once. **Today's spate of transient products** means the great flood of short-lived new products.

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