ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **D) ameliorate**
Ameliorate means to improve or relieve a bad situation. The sentence says scolding a child harshly (**heaping opprobrium**) will probably not make the underlying conditions better, so **ameliorate the conditions** fits. The passage uses it the same way: medicine has done much to **ameliorate the physical problems**. Not **stunt**: that means to hold back growth, which does not fit 'will not ... the conditions'.

2. **The coach knew he would have to add experienced players to the _____ to compensate for the spate of freshmen on the team.**
✓ **E) roster**
A **roster** is a list of names, here the list of players on a team. The coach adds experienced players **to the roster** to balance the many freshmen. It is the only noun among the options, and the gap after **the** needs a noun.

3. **There seems to be voluminous evidence that the mother's smoking will _____ the baby's growth.**
✓ **A) stunt**
To **stunt** growth means to stop it from developing normally. **Stunt** collocates with **growth**: **smoking can stunt a baby's growth**. Not **atrophy**: it means 'waste away' and is usually intransitive (**muscles atrophy**), so it cannot take **growth** as an object here.

4. **The prodigy allowed his musical talent to _____ as he redirected his career.**
✓ **C) atrophy**
To **atrophy** means to waste away or weaken through lack of use. The prodigy stopped using his musical talent when he changed careers, so it gradually weakened. Note the structure **allowed his talent to atrophy**: the verb has no object, which suits **atrophy**. Not **stunt**: that needs an object (**stunt something**).

5. **When it seemed that Reggie would _____ his opponent, we broke up the fight.**
✓ **B) maim**
To **maim** means to injure someone badly enough to disable or cripple them. The clue is the fight: it looked as if Reggie would seriously hurt his opponent, so the others stopped it. Example: **The accident maimed him for life.**

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

roster
✓ **C) a list of names**
A **roster** is a list of names, for example of players on a team or workers on duty. In the passage, a **roster of physical handicaps** means a list of them. Example: **Her name is on the team roster.**

7. **stunted**
✓ **A) checked in natural growth, held back in growth**
Stunted means held back in natural growth, so not as big or developed as normal. The passage mentions the **stunted development of an arm or leg**. Example: **stunted trees on the windy hillside**.

8. **atrophy**
✓ **B) waste away**
To **atrophy** means to waste away, especially from disease or lack of use. In the passage, a disease **has caused muscles to atrophy**. Example: **Unused skills tend to atrophy.** Don't confuse it with **stunted**, which means 'never grew properly'.

9. **maim**
✓ **E) disable, cripple**
To **maim** means to disable or cripple someone with a serious injury. The passage speaks of **illnesses and injuries that maim and debilitate**. Example: **Landmines kill and maim thousands of people.**

10. **ameliorate**
✓ **D) improve, relieve**
To **ameliorate** means to improve something bad or make it easier to bear. The passage says modern medicine has done much **to ameliorate the physical problems**. Example: **New laws helped ameliorate working conditions.**

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