ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **B) futility**
Futility means uselessness: the feeling that your efforts bring no result. The girl stayed aloof (cold and distant) however hard he tried to cajole (coax) her, so his efforts were useless, and this made him lugubrious (sad). Example: **the futility of arguing with him**.

2. **To our consternation, modern _____ has made feasible a spate of lethal devices that could lead to the inadvertent destruction of the world.**
✓ **D) technology**
Technology is applied science: using scientific knowledge to make machines and devices. The clue is **modern**, which often goes with **technology**, and the idea that it has made new lethal (deadly) devices possible (feasible).

3. **In order to _____ the height advantage of his adversary, he abjured smoking and did an inordinate amount of exercise until he was the acme of litheness and dexterity.**
✓ **C) nullify**
Nullify means to cancel the effect of something. He could not change his rival's height, so he got very fit to cancel out that advantage. After **In order to** we need a base verb, and **nullify** is the only base verb among the options.

4. **We found it impossible to mollify the irate owner of three prize cats as he viewed the _____ caused by our large dog.**
✓ **E) carnage**
Carnage means slaughter: the killing or injuring of many animals or people. The owner could not be calmed (mollified) because the dog had killed or hurt his cats. The phrase **the carnage caused by** is very common.

5. **The office was _____ with requests for his autograph as the girls became cognizant of his identity.**
✓ **A) deluged**
Deluge means to flood, and it is often used for a huge number of things arriving at once: **be deluged with requests/letters**. The gap needs a past participle after **was** (passive), so **deluged** fits.

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

nullify
✓ **C) abolish, cancel**
Nullify means to abolish or cancel, so that something has no effect. Example: **The court nullified the contract.**

7. **deluge (v.)**
✓ **B) to flood**
As a verb, **deluge** means to flood, either with water or with a large amount of something. Example: **The river deluged the town.** / **We were deluged with emails.**

8. **futility**
✓ **E) uselessness**
Futility means uselessness, the fact that something cannot succeed. Example: **He realized the futility of trying to change her mind.**

9. **carnage**
✓ **A) slaughter**
Carnage means slaughter, the killing of many people or animals. Example: **The storm caused carnage among the cattle.**

10. **technology**
✓ **D) applied science**
Technology means applied science: using scientific knowledge for practical purposes such as machines and computers. Example: **Modern technology has changed how we work.**

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