ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **E) raiment**
Raiment means clothing or dress, a formal or literary word. The sentence talks about a mixture (**potpourri**) of up-to-date fashionable clothes, some silly (**fatuous**) and some modest (**discreet**). In the passage, the maiden is **dressed in glittering raiment**. Only a noun meaning clothes fits after **fashionable**.

2. **While all disgruntled men may _____ against malevolent or Machiavellian leaders, democracy offers a way to ameliorate iniquities through the ballot.**
✓ **D) rail**
Rail against means to complain angrily or scold someone bitterly. The gap follows the modal **may**, so it needs a verb, and **rail** is the only verb among the options. Unhappy men may **rail against** bad leaders, but democracy lets them fix injustices by voting. In the passage, the escort can only **rail against the catastrophe**.

3. **Is there any veracity in the platitude that _____ men are jocose?**
✓ **C) corpulent**
Corpulent means fat or fleshy. The sentence refers to the common saying (**platitude**) that fat people are jolly (**jocose**). The gap needs an adjective describing **men**. **Corpulent** is the one that matches this stereotype. In the passage, the **corpulent escort** is a fat bodyguard.

4. **To be candid, there is little to be _____ about in the "good old days."**
✓ **B) wistful**
Wistful means sadly longing for something, especially something in the past. It collocates naturally with **about** and with **the good old days**: there is little to feel nostalgic **about**. Not **corpulent**, which is also an adjective but means fat and makes no sense here.

5. **They captured the _____, and he was incarcerated for a mandatory period.**
✓ **A) brigand**
A **brigand** is a robber or bandit, especially one of a gang in wild country. Only a criminal would be captured and **incarcerated** (put in prison). In the passage, a **brigand** carries off the maiden.

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

wistful
✓ **C) longing, pensive, wishful**
Wistful means longing, pensive or wishful, often with a little sadness about the past. Example: **She gave a wistful smile as she looked at her old photos.**

7. **raiment**
✓ **A) dress, clothing**
Raiment is a formal, old-fashioned word for dress or clothing. Example: **The queen appeared in splendid raiment.**

8. **brigand**
✓ **D) robber, bandit**
A **brigand** is a robber or bandit, usually one of a gang that attacks travellers. Example: **The brigands stopped the coach and stole the passengers' gold.**

9. **corpulent**
✓ **E) fleshy, obese, excessively fat**
Corpulent means fleshy, obese or excessively fat. It is a formal word, often used politely about large people. Example: **The corpulent innkeeper could barely fit through the door.**

10. **rail (v.)**
✓ **B) scold, use abusive language**
As a verb, **rail** (usually **rail against** or **rail at**) means to scold or complain angrily, using bitter or abusive language. Example: **He railed against the unfair decision.** Don't confuse it with the noun **rail** (a bar or track).

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