ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. When my brother says he has told me a million times to shut the door, it is ___ rather than an accurate count.
✔ **A) hyperbole**
Hyperbole is deliberate exaggeration, used for effect and not meant to be taken literally.

2. Thanks to the ___ donation of a former pupil, the school was able to build a new library and a science laboratory.
✔ **B) munificent**
Munificent means extremely generous, especially with money. Paying for a library and a laboratory is a very large gift.

3. After ten minutes of ___ about where he had been all evening, the boy finally admitted that he had gone to the cinema instead of the library.
✔ **D) prevarication**
Prevarication means avoiding the truth by giving unclear or misleading answers. The boy dodged the question before telling the truth.

4. The new coach had such ___ that players who had wanted to leave the club decided to stay and play for her.
✔ **C) charisma**
Charisma is a strong personal charm that attracts and inspires other people.

5. In 1948 the United Nations adopted a convention that made ___ a crime under international law, whether committed in war or in peace.
✔ **B) genocide**
Genocide is the deliberate destruction of a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. The 1948 Genocide Convention made it an international crime.

6. "The advert's claim that one shampoo would change our lives was pure hyperbole." What does "hyperbole" mean here?
✔ **D) deliberate exaggeration**
Hyperbole is exaggeration that is not meant to be believed literally. No shampoo can change your life.

7. "The munificent landowner gave the village its school, its cottage hospital and the park where children still play today." What does "munificent" mean here?
✔ **A) extremely generous**
Munificent means giving very generously. The landowner gave the village many valuable gifts.

8. "The inspector grew impatient with the manager's prevarication and asked for a simple yes or no." What does "prevarication" mean here?
✔ **C) evasive answering**
Prevarication is avoiding a direct, honest answer. The inspector wants a clear reply instead.

9. "Even as a young teacher she had a charisma that made the most restless classes fall quiet and listen." What does "charisma" mean here?
✔ **D) powerful personal charm**
Charisma is a special charm that makes people want to follow or listen to someone. She is young, so it is not experience.

10. "The memorial museum records the history of the genocide and honours the memory of its victims." What does "genocide" mean here?
✔ **A) deliberate destruction of a people**
Genocide is the deliberate attempt to destroy a whole national, ethnic, racial or religious group. Memorial museums help people remember and learn from it.

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