ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **D) impunity**
Impunity means freedom from punishment or harm. The fixed phrase is **with impunity**: the guards let the doctor cross without stopping or punishing him. In the passage, students might think they could **cheat with impunity**, without being punished.

2. **It isn’t easy to _____ answers from a sleepy class on Monday morning.**
✓ **E) elicit**
Elicit means to draw out a reply or reaction from someone. It collocates with **answers**: **to elicit answers from a class**. In the passage, Mr. Dorsey wanted to **elicit** (get) people's reactions.

3. **Dentists appreciate patients who can _____ pain.**
✓ **A) tolerate**
Tolerate means to put up with or bear something unpleasant. Patients who can **tolerate pain** accept it without complaining. The gap needs a verb after **can**, so the adjective **pernicious** and the noun **impunity** don't fit.

4. **She hoped that we would not _____ her decision to run for office as a thirst for power.**
✓ **C) construe**
Construe means to interpret or understand something in a certain way. The pattern is **construe X as Y**: she hoped we would not see her decision **as a thirst for power**. Not **elicit**, because that means to draw out a response and cannot be used with **as**.

5. **The dictator’s _____ rules failed to intimidate the leaders of the underground.**
✓ **B) pernicious**
Pernicious means harmful or causing injury, often in a slow or hidden way. The gap comes before the noun **rules**, so it needs an adjective. **Pernicious** is the only adjective among the options: **the dictator's pernicious rules**.

6. **Definitions:** Match the new words with their dictionary meanings.

   elicit
   ✓ **D) to draw forth**
   Elicit means **to draw forth**, that is, to get a reply or reaction out of someone. Example: **The teacher tried to elicit answers from the class.**

7. **pernicious**
   ✓ **E) harmful, causing injury**
   Pernicious means **harmful, causing injury**. Example: **Cheating is a pernicious disease.**

8. **tolerate**
   ✓ **C) to put up with, to bear**
   Tolerate means **to put up with, to bear**. Example: **Cheating cannot be tolerated at our school.**

9. **construe**
   ✓ **B) to make a deduction, to infer**
   Construe means **to make a deduction, to infer**, or to understand something in a particular way. Example: **The students might construe the incident as an invitation to cheat.**

10. **impunity**
    ✓ **A) freedom from punishment**
    Impunity is a noun meaning **freedom from punishment**. It is usually used in the phrase **with impunity**, as in **to cheat with impunity**.

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