ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **D) sally**
To **sally** (often **sally forth**) means to rush out suddenly, usually from a place where you are held or protected. The prisoners make a disturbance as a distraction while others **sally toward the gate**. In the passage, the user can **sally forth** to face the rain. Not **discern**, because the prisoners are moving, not seeing something.

2. **Under duress from the tax officer, the beggar admitted that he was truly _____.**
✓ **D) affluent**
Affluent means rich or wealthy. The joke is that a beggar, who should be poor, is forced by the tax officer to admit that he is **truly affluent**. The gap needs an adjective describing a person, and only **affluent** fits that meaning.

3. **To the _____ of the sergeant, there was a paucity of volunteers for the dangerous mission.**
✓ **B) consternation**
Consternation is a feeling of worry, shock or dismay. The fixed phrase **to the consternation of** someone means 'making someone upset'. The sergeant is dismayed because there are very few (**a paucity of**) volunteers. The passage uses the same phrase: **To the consternation of the umbrella manufacturers**.

4. **It’s _____ to build an electric auto, but wouldn’t you need a terribly long extension cord?**
✓ **A) feasible**
Feasible means possible or practical, something that can be done. **It's feasible to build** an electric car, but the joke is that the plan has a practical problem: a very long cord. The pattern **It's + adjective + to + verb** needs an adjective, so **feasible** fits. Not **affluent**, because that describes rich people, not plans.

5. **When we could _____ the city lights, we knew we were safe at last.**
✓ **C) discern**
To **discern** means to see or notice something, often with difficulty. After **could** we need a verb, and seeing the city lights in the distance is what made them feel safe. Not **sally**, because that means to rush out, and it is not used with an object like **the city lights**.

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

affluent
✓ **D) rich**
Affluent means **rich** or wealthy. Example: **They live in an affluent part of town with large houses.** In the passage, the neighbor is an **affluent inventor**, a rich one.

7. **feasible**
✓ **B) possible**
Feasible means **possible**, something that can really be done. Example: **The plan is cheap and feasible.** The passage calls the new invention a **feasible umbrella substitute**, a practical replacement for an umbrella.

8. **discern**
✓ **E) perceive**
To **discern** means to **perceive**: to see, notice or recognize something, often with some effort. Example: **In the fog, I could just discern a figure.** The passage says **As simply as the eye can discern**, meaning as far as you can see.

9. **sally (v.)**
✓ **A) suddenly rush forth**
As a verb, **sally** means to **suddenly rush forth** or set out boldly, often in the phrase **sally forth**. Example: **The soldiers sallied out of the fort.** In the passage, with a newspaper on your head you can **sally forth to face the elements**.

10. **consternation**
✓ **C) dismay**
Consternation means **dismay**: a feeling of shock, worry or alarm. Example: **To our consternation, the train was cancelled.** In the passage, the umbrella makers feel **consternation** because the new invention is selling well.

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