ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **After the _____, the feuding families agreed to patch up their differences.**
   ✔ **D) fray**
   A **fray** is a fight or noisy quarrel. The families were **feuding** (fighting), so after the fray they made peace. The gap needs a noun after **the**, and **fray** is the only noun that fits. In the passage, the Civil Liberties Union **jumped into the fray**, meaning it joined the fight.

2. **The _____ client was surprised when she was accosted by her social worker in the elegant restaurant.**
   ✔ **E) indigent**
   Indigent means poor or needy. A client of a social worker is often poor, so it is surprising to see her in an **elegant** (expensive) restaurant.

3. **To my mind, the decision was unreasonable and _____.**
   ✔ **A) arbitrary**
   Arbitrary describes a decision based on whim, not on reason or rules. It fits naturally with **unreasonable**: **an arbitrary decision**.

4. **George Orwell's 1984 depicts a frightening, _____ government: one huge, solid power that controls everything.**
   ✔ **B) monolithic**
   Monolithic means massively solid, like one huge block of stone; a **monolithic** government is a single, all-controlling power. The clue is **one huge, solid power**. Not **arbitrary**, which means based on whim, not solid and unified.

5. **If anonymous telephone callers _____ you, the phone company will give you an unlisted number.**
   ✔ **C) harass**
   Harass means to trouble or torment someone again and again. The gap needs a verb after **callers**, and only **harass** is a verb: **callers harass you**.

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

   harass
   ✔ **E) to trouble, torment**
   Harass means to trouble or torment someone repeatedly, e.g. **The boys were harassed by the school system.**

7. **monolithic**
   ✔ **C) massively solid**
   Monolithic means massively solid and unified, like one giant stone (a monolith), e.g. **a monolithic school system**.

8. **indigent**
   ✔ **B) poor, needy**
   Indigent means poor or needy, e.g. **indigent families needed their salaries**.

9. **arbitrary**
   ✔ **A) based on whim, dictatorial**
   Arbitrary means based on whim rather than reason, often decided by someone with power (dictatorial), e.g. **an arbitrary decision**.

10. **fray**
    ✔ **D) a fight**
    A **fray** is a fight or noisy quarrel, e.g. **The Civil Liberties Union jumped into the fray.**

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