ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. *(Question with a long text: see the questions PDF.)*
✓ **C) emaciated**
Emaciated means extremely thin and weak, usually from hunger or illness. The people of the Warsaw Ghetto were starving, yet they still won some fights. That contrast is the clue. Not **tranquil** (calm): calm does not fit people who were fighting.

2. **A firecracker terminated the _____ climate of the neighborhood.**
✓ **A) tranquil**
Tranquil means calm, quiet and peaceful. A loud firecracker ended the **tranquil** (quiet) atmosphere of the neighborhood. The gap needs an adjective before the noun **climate**, and only **tranquil** or **emaciated** are adjectives. **Emaciated** describes thin bodies, not places.

3. **When Richard III violated the _____ of the church to seize the princes, he exceeded his jurisdiction.**
✓ **E) sanctuary**
Sanctuary means a place of safety or protection. In the past, a church gave protection to people inside it. Richard III broke (**violated**) this protection when he seized the princes. The phrase **the _____ of the church** needs a noun, so only **sanctuary** fits.

4. **Chicago put its heaviest players upfront, but they were helpless as the Giants' line _____ toward them.**
✓ **B) surged**
To **surge** means to rush forward suddenly and powerfully, like a wave. The Giants' line **surged** toward the Chicago players. The sentence is in the past and needs a past-tense verb, so **surged** is the only option that fits. Not **ascend**: it means to rise or climb and is not in the past tense.

5. **Inexorably the determined climber began to _____ the Himalayan peak.**
✓ **D) ascend**
To **ascend** means to go up or climb. **Began to** must be followed by the base form of a verb, so you need **ascend** (**to ascend the peak** = to climb the mountain). Not **surged**: it is a past-tense form and cannot follow **to**, and it means rushing forward, not climbing.

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

emaciated
✓ **D) abnormally thin, wasted away**
Emaciated means abnormally thin and wasted away, usually because of hunger or illness. Example: **The emaciated refugees needed food and medical care.**

7. **surge**
✓ **A) to rush suddenly**
To **surge** means to rush forward suddenly, often in a large mass. Example: **The crowd surged toward the stage.** Not **to rise**: that is the meaning of **ascend**.

8. **tranquil**
✓ **C) quiet**
Tranquil means quiet, calm and peaceful. Example: **We spent a tranquil weekend by the lake.**

9. **sanctuary**
✓ **B) shelter**
Sanctuary means shelter, a place of safety or protection. Example: **The refugees found sanctuary in Saigon.**

10. **ascend**
✓ **E) to rise**
To **ascend** means to rise or go up. Example: **The climbers began to ascend the mountain.** Not **to rush suddenly**: that is the meaning of **surge**.

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