ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. I hope we get home before SUNSET.
✔ **B) sunrise**
Sunset is when the sun goes down in the evening. The opposite is **sunrise**, when the sun comes up in the morning.

2. I spent all my money on a new pair of boots. I understand it was FOOLISH but I couldn't stop myself from doing it.
✔ **D) clever**
Foolish means silly, not showing good sense. The opposite is **clever** (sensible, wise).

3. The milk is delivered at about 6 a.m. so we have FRESH milk for breakfast.
✔ **E) sour**
Fresh milk is new and good to drink. When milk is old and has gone bad, it is **sour**.

4. His work was INTERESTING.
✔ **A) dull**
Interesting means it makes you want to know more. The opposite is **dull**, which means boring.

5. "Yes, yes!" she CRIED. "I understand you don't love me."
✔ **D) whispered**
Here **cried** means said very loudly, like **shouted**. The opposite is **whispered**, which means said very quietly. Not **shouted**, because it has the same meaning as **cried**.

6. Can you tell me how to get to the PUBLIC Library?
✔ **E) private**
A **public** library is open to everyone. The opposite is **private**, which means only for some people.

7. All of the foreign members are OUTSTANDING people.
✔ **C) ordinary**
Outstanding means much better than others. The opposite is **ordinary**, which means normal, not special. Not **exceptional** or **prominent**, because they mean almost the same as **outstanding**.

8. His brother was a BRAVE soldier.
✔ **B) cowardly**
Brave means not afraid of danger. The opposite is **cowardly**, which means too afraid to do brave things. Not **courageous**, because it means the same as **brave**.

9. The INVISIBLE Man tells Dr Kemp about his adventures.
✔ **D) Visible**
Invisible means that you cannot see it. The opposite is **visible**, which means that you can see it.

10. He WENT ON smoking, though I asked him not to.
✔ **A) stopped**
Went on means continued. The opposite is **stopped**. Not **kept on** or **continued**, because they mean the same as **went on**.

11. A great many people participated in the OPENING of the conference.
✔ **A) closing**
The **opening** of a conference is its start. The opposite is the **closing**, its end. Not **beginning**, because it means the same as **opening**.

12. The Thames is a short river but it is wide and DEEP.
✔ **B) shallow**
Deep water goes a long way down. The opposite is **shallow**, which means not deep.

13. Having PASSED his exams, he began to look for a job.
✔ **B) failed**
To **pass** an exam means to be successful in it. The opposite is to **fail** an exam. Not **taken**, because you take an exam before you pass or fail it.

14. She was ACCEPTED as secretary for an American company.
✔ **E) rejected**
Accepted means given the job or said yes to. The opposite is **rejected**, which means not given the job or said no to.

15. Percy Dixon's face turned RED with anger.
✔ **E) pale**
A face that turns **red** gets more colour. The opposite is **pale**, when a face loses its colour (for example from fear). Not **black**, because faces do not turn black.

16. His parents were very RELIGIOUS and the boy had to sing at church services.
✔ **D) atheistic**
Religious means believing in God and following a religion. The opposite is **atheistic**, which means not believing in God. Not **faithful** or **devoted**, because they are close in meaning to **religious**.

17. The airport is A LONG WAY FROM the centre of the city.
✔ **B) not far from**
A long way from means **far from**. The opposite is **not far from**, which means near. Not **far from**, because it means the same as a long way from.

18. All the students INCLUDING Duncan will take part in the coming football match.
✔ **C) except**
Including means Duncan is part of the group. The opposite is **except**, which means Duncan is not part of the group.

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20. Money which is spent on education and health now is an investment for the FUTURE.
✔ **D) past**
The **future** is the time that is coming. The opposite is the **past**, the time that has already gone.

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