ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Find the antonym of the following words:

Immense
✓ **B) tiny**
Immense means very, very big. Its opposite is **tiny** (very small). **Enormous** and **huge** mean the same as immense.

2. **Wholesale**
✓ **C) retail**
Wholesale means selling goods in large amounts to shops. **Retail** means selling goods in small amounts to the public, so it is the opposite.

3. **Overcast**
✓ **D) clear**
An **overcast** sky is full of grey clouds. The opposite is a **clear** sky, with no clouds. **Misty** is close in meaning to overcast.

4. **Take on**
✓ **A) sack**
Take on can mean to employ someone: **The company took on ten new workers.** The opposite is **sack**, which means to dismiss someone from their job.

5. **Thorough**
✓ **B) careless**
Thorough means doing something carefully and completely, paying attention to every detail. The opposite is **careless**, which means not paying enough attention.

6. **Oppose**
✓ **C) support**
Oppose means to be against something. The opposite is **support**, which means to be in favour of it. **Combat**, **resist** and **fight** are close in meaning to oppose.

7. **Neglect**
✓ **A) care**
Neglect means not giving enough attention to someone or something: **He neglected his garden.** The opposite is **care** (looking after something well). Not **overlook**, because it means almost the same as neglect.

8. **Rise up**
✓ **D) put down**
Rise up means to rebel or fight against a government or ruler. **Put down** means to stop a rebellion by force: **The army put down the revolt.** So **put down** is the opposite.

9. **Absurd**
✓ **D) sensible**
Absurd means completely silly and unreasonable. The opposite is **sensible** (reasonable, showing good judgement). **Silly**, **foolish** and **ridiculous** are synonyms.

10. **Flimsy**
✓ **A) strong**
Flimsy means thin and weak, easily broken. The opposite is **strong**. **Weak** is a synonym, not an antonym.

11. **Abbreviate**
✓ **A) lengthen**
Abbreviate means to make a word or text shorter: **'Doctor' is abbreviated to 'Dr'.** The opposite is **lengthen** (make longer). **Shorten**, **reduce** and **cut** are similar to abbreviate.

12. **Consume**
✓ **A) hoard**
Consume means to use something up. The opposite is **hoard**, which means to collect and store things instead of using them. **Use up** and **exhaust** are synonyms of consume.

13. **Marvelous**
✓ **B) awful**
Marvelous (British spelling **marvellous**) means extremely good. The opposite is **awful** (very bad). **Splendid**, **wonderful** and **magnificent** are synonyms.

14. **Smooth**
✓ **D) rough**
A **smooth** surface is flat and even. The opposite is **rough**, a surface that is uneven or bumpy.

15. **Certain**
✓ **A) doubtful**
Certain means completely sure. The opposite is **doubtful**, which means not sure.

16. **Conceal**
✓ **D) exhibit**
Conceal means to hide something. The opposite is **exhibit**, which means to show something openly. **Hide** is a synonym of conceal.

17. **Retain**
✓ **D) release**
Retain means to keep or hold something. The opposite is **release**, which means to let something go.

18. **Poverty**
✓ **A) wealth**
Poverty means being very poor. The opposite is **wealth** (having a lot of money). **Lack**, **need** and **destitution** are close in meaning to poverty.

19. **Deliberate**
✓ **A) accidental**
Deliberate means done on purpose. The opposite is **accidental** (happening by chance). **Planned**, **calculated** and **intentional** are synonyms.

20. **Sadness**
✓ **B) glee**
Sadness is the feeling of being unhappy. The opposite is **glee**, a feeling of great happiness. **Sorrow**, **depression** and **bleakness** are similar to sadness.

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