ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Find the antonym of the following words:

Sober
✓ **A) drunk**
Sober means not affected by alcohol. Its opposite is **drunk**: **He was drunk at the party, but sober the next morning.**

2. **Vacant**
✓ **B) occupied**
Vacant means empty, with nobody using it. Its opposite is **occupied**, which means someone is using it: **The seat is occupied.**

3. **Modest**
✓ **B) big-headed**
A **modest** person doesn't talk much about their own success. A **big-headed** person thinks they are better than others, so it is the opposite. Not **humble**, because that means the same as modest.

4. **Vague**
✓ **B) distinct**
Vague means not clear or not exact. Its opposite is **distinct**, which means clear and easy to see, hear or understand. **Indefinite**, **uncertain** and **obscure** are all close in meaning to vague.

5. **Miserable**
✓ **D) joyful**
Miserable means very unhappy. Its opposite is **joyful**, which means very happy. **Gloomy** and **sorrowful** are synonyms of miserable, not opposites.

6. **Ally**
✓ **A) adversary**
An **ally** is a person or country that supports you. Its opposite is an **adversary**, which is an enemy or opponent. **Partner**, **friend** and **associate** are all close in meaning to ally.

7. **Stingy**
✓ **B) generous**
Stingy describes someone who doesn't like spending or sharing money. Its opposite is **generous**, which describes someone who happily gives to others.

8. **Adjacent**
✓ **A) apart**
Adjacent means next to or very near something: **adjacent rooms**. Its opposite here is **apart**, which means separated or at a distance. **Void**, **bleak** and **blank** have nothing to do with position.

9. **Flat**
✓ **C) bumpy**
A **flat** surface is smooth and level. Its opposite is **bumpy**, which means full of small hills or holes: **a bumpy road**. Not **even**, because it means the same as flat.

10. **Impartial**
✓ **D) biased**
Impartial means fair and not supporting one side. Its opposite is **biased**, which means unfairly preferring one side. Not **dishonest**: a biased person is unfair, but not necessarily lying.

11. **Put down**
✓ **C) commend**
To **put someone down** means to criticise them and make them feel stupid. Its opposite is **commend**, which means to praise someone formally: **She was commended for her hard work.** Not **celebrate**, because we celebrate events or successes, not people's work in this sense.

12. **Tame**
✓ **C) wild**
A **tame** animal is used to people and is not dangerous. Its opposite is **wild**, which describes an animal living in nature. **Docile** and **mild** are close in meaning to tame.

13. **Curious**
✓ **B) indifferent**
Curious means wanting to know or learn about something. Its opposite is **indifferent**, which means not interested at all. Not **furious**, which only looks similar and means very angry.

14. **Offensive**
✓ **B) pleasing**
Offensive means very unpleasant or rude. Its opposite is **pleasing**, which means nice and enjoyable. **Disgusting** and **revolting** are synonyms of offensive.

15. **Generous**
✓ **D) mean**
A **generous** person likes giving money, time or gifts. In British English, **mean** is the opposite: a mean person doesn't want to spend or share money.

16. **Arrogant**
✓ **A) modest**
An **arrogant** person thinks they are more important than other people. Its opposite is **modest**, which describes someone who doesn't boast about themselves. Not **rude**, because an arrogant person is often rude too.

17. Chubby

✓ C) skinny

Chubby means a little fat, in a soft way. Its opposite is **skinny**, which means very thin. **Stout** and **fat** are close in meaning to chubby.

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