ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Statement: I'm up to my neck in work.
Response:
✓ **A) Well, life wasn't meant to be easy, you know.**
Up to my neck in work means very, very busy. The reply **life wasn't meant to be easy** is a light comment on hard work. Not **I hope you get well soon**, because the speaker is busy, not ill.

2. Question: Why does she pull a long face?
Response:
✓ **A) I don't have the foggiest idea.**
To **pull a long face** means to look sad or unhappy. **I don't have the foggiest idea** means 'I don't know at all', which answers a **Why** question. **It's always darkest before the dawn** gives hope, but it doesn't answer the question.

3. S: Let's call it a day, shall we?
✓ **A) Yes. Rome wasn't built in a day.**
Let's call it a day means 'let's stop working now'. **Rome wasn't built in a day** means big jobs take time, so it is fine to stop and continue later. **Hard up** means short of money, which has nothing to do with stopping work.

4. S: Not that we don't enjoy having you here, but didn't you have some other business to attend to?
✓ **B) You want me to scram and leave you alone, is that it?**
The speaker is politely hinting that the guest should leave. The reply understands the hint: **scram** is an informal word for 'go away quickly'. The speaker is not threatening anyone, so **How dare you threaten me?!** doesn't fit.

5. S: You haven't said a civil word to me all day long. Your body's here, but it looks like your mind is somewhere in outer space.
✓ **A) Oh, just save the drama for your mama.**
The speaker complains that the other person is rude and distracted. **Save the drama for your mama** is a slangy way of saying 'stop making a fuss', a natural defensive reply. **Someday, you'll thank me for this** is used after doing something unpleasant for someone's good, so it doesn't fit.

6. S: They had laid a trap, and I had fallen right into it.
✓ **A) I've done a million dumb things myself.**
Fall into a trap means being tricked. The reply comforts the speaker: **I've done a million dumb things myself** means 'everyone makes mistakes'. The other option makes no sense here.

7. S: I'm sure she has more than a few screws loose. I keep out of her way as much as possible.
✓ **B) Yes. If I were you, I'd steer clear of her.**
Have a screw loose means to be a little crazy. **Steer clear of** someone means to avoid them, which agrees with **keep out of her way**. Snoring has nothing to do with the statement.

8. S: I said a lot of things to you that day that I didn't mean. I'm really sorry.
✓ **A) O.K., honey. Let's kiss and make up.**
The speaker apologises after an argument. **Kiss and make up** means to forgive each other and become friends again, so it accepts the apology. **I wouldn't recommend it** answers a request for advice, not an apology.

9. S: I feel like I'm going to throw up all the time.
✓ **B) I hope it's nothing serious.**
To **throw up** means to vomit, so the speaker feels ill. The caring reply is **I hope it's nothing serious**. Saying **How nice!** and talking about happiness doesn't fit someone who feels sick.

10. Q: Excuse me. Do you come here often?
✓ **A) You have to be more subtle than that.**
Do you come here often? is a famous, rather old-fashioned line for starting a conversation with someone you like. The reply **You have to be more subtle than that** means 'that line is too obvious'. Not **I usually come here by bus**, because the question asks how often, not how.

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