ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Marriage Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

MARRIAGE

One evening, although he was nervous, Joe decided to _____ to his girlfriend, Linda.
✔ **D) propose**
To **propose (to someone)** means to ask someone to marry you: **He proposed to her on the beach.** Not **offer**: we offer something to someone, but we don't 'offer to' a person to mean marriage.

2. She accepted his proposal, they became _____ and he gave her a ring.
✔ **B) engaged**
After a woman accepts a proposal, the couple become **engaged**: they have promised to marry, and the man often gives an **engagement ring**. Not **married**, because the wedding happens later in the story.

3. After a year, they had saved enough money to get married (they were both over 18 so they did not need their parents' _____).
✔ **D) consent**
Consent means permission or agreement. People under a certain age may need their **parents' consent** to get married. The clue is 'they were both over 18'.

4. Some people have a religious ceremony with a priest, but Joe and Linda decided on a _____ ceremony in a registry office.
✔ **A) civil**
A **civil ceremony** is a wedding that is not religious, usually held in a **registry office**. The word 'but' shows a contrast with a religious ceremony, so **religious** is wrong.

5. On the day of the _____, Linda, the _____, was very calm, but Joe, the _____, was nervous.
✔ **C) wedding**
The **wedding** is the ceremony where two people get married. The story has just described Joe and Linda's ceremony, and the sentence talks about how each of them felt on that special day, so it is the **wedding** day. Not **reception**: that is the party after the wedding, which comes in the next sentence ('Afterwards, at the ...').

6. On the day of the _____, Linda, the _____, was very calm, but Joe, the _____, was nervous.
✔ **A) bride**
The **bride** is the woman who is getting married on her wedding day. Not **bridesmaid**: a bridesmaid is a woman or girl who helps the bride.

7. On the day of the _____, Linda, the _____, was very calm, but Joe, the _____, was nervous.
✔ **C) bridegroom**
The **bridegroom** (or **groom**) is the man who is getting married on his wedding day. Not **husband**: we use that word for a man who is already married.

8. Afterwards, at the _____, speeches were made and the guests drank a _____ to the happy couple, who finally left for a _____ in Spain.
✔ **B) reception**
A **reception** is the party after a wedding, with food, speeches and toasts. The clue is 'Afterwards'. Not **honeymoon**: that is the holiday the couple take after the wedding.

9. Afterwards, at the _____, speeches were made and the guests drank a _____ to the happy couple, who finally left for a _____ in Spain.
✔ **B) toast**
To **drink a toast to someone** means to raise your glasses and drink to wish them happiness: **Let's drink a toast to the bride and groom!** The other options are just drinks and don't fit 'drink a ... to the couple'.

10. Afterwards, at the _____, speeches were made and the guests drank a _____ to the happy couple, who finally left for a _____ in Spain.
✔ **C) honeymoon**
A **honeymoon** is the holiday a couple take just after their wedding: **They went to Spain on their honeymoon.** The clue is 'left for a ... in Spain'.

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