ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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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.)

POPULAR MUSIC

After the Beatles, The Rolling Stones have probably been the most successful _____ in Britain.
✔ **A) group**
A **group** (or band) is a few musicians who play together. **Team** and **squad** are used for sport, not music.

2. Most of their records have gone into the _____ ten and they've had many at _____ one.
✔ **D) top**
The **top ten** is the list of the ten best-selling records. We always say **top ten**, not **upper ten**.

3. Most of their records have gone into the _____ ten and they've had many at _____ one.
✔ **C) number**
Number one is the best-selling record in the charts: **The song was at number one for six weeks.**

4. But their records have usually been made in a recording _____ and I always wanted to hear them _____ at a _____.
✔ **B) studio**
A **recording studio** is a special room where music is recorded. This is a fixed phrase: **The band spent a month in the recording studio.**

5. But their records have usually been made in a recording _____ and I always wanted to hear them _____ at a _____.
✔ **A) live**
To hear a band **live** means to hear them playing in front of you, not on a record. Not **alive**, which only means 'not dead'.

6. But their records have usually been made in a recording _____ and I always wanted to hear them _____ at a _____.
✔ **B) concert**
A **concert** is a show where musicians play for an audience. We say **at a concert**. Not **stage**: you perform **on stage**, not **at a stage**.

7. I wanted to see them perform on _____ in front of thousands of excited _____.
✔ **A) stage**
Musicians **perform on stage**, the raised area in front of the audience. **On stage** has no article.

8. I wanted to see them perform on _____ in front of thousands of excited _____.
✔ **C) fans**
Fans are people who love a band or singer and go to their concerts. Not **supporters** or **spectators**; we use these words for people at sports events.

9. And I did, at Wembley Stadium in 1990. It was great. And Mick Jagger, the _____, sang all the old favourites.
✔ **D) vocalist**
A **vocalist** is the singer in a band. Mick Jagger is the Rolling Stones' singer. Not **vocal**: it is an adjective, or it means the singing itself, not a person.

10. I couldn't hear the _____ very well because of the noise, but somehow it didn't matter.
✔ **B) lyrics**
The **lyrics** are the words of a song: **I love this song, but I don't know the lyrics.** Not **texts**; in English we don't call song words **texts**.

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