ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Interjections Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

1. Paraphrase the interjection used in the following dialogue.

A: I've forgotten to tell John about the party.

B: Eh?
✔ **A) What did you say?**
Eh? is an informal way to ask someone to repeat something you didn't hear or understand, like **What did you say?** or **Pardon?**. Not **Really?**, which shows surprise at something you heard clearly.

2. Which of the following interjections is NOT an expression of surprise or wonder?
✔ **C) Boo!**
Gee! and **Gosh!** express surprise or wonder. **Boo!** is not a sign of surprise: you shout it to frighten someone or to show you dislike a performance or a speech.

3. You are vegetarian and you are offered a dish of raw meat. What do you think?
✔ **A) Ugh!**
Ugh! expresses disgust, which is how a vegetarian would feel about raw meat. **Hurrah!** and **Yippee!** express joy, so they don't fit.

4. Somebody has just stepped on your toe. Which interjection would best fit the situation?
✔ **B) Ouch!**
Ouch! is what you say when you feel sudden pain, e.g. **Ouch! You're on my foot! Yoo-hoo!** is used to get someone's attention.

5. You are most likely to hear or use the interjection boo _____.
✔ **C) on both of the above-mentioned occasions**
An audience shouts **boo** to show it dislikes something, so you can hear it at a theatre after a poor performance and at a political speech. That is why **both** is the answer. Not only **a political speech**, because audiences also **boo** actors and singers.

6. _____, Mary! Come here! I want to talk to you.
✔ **C) Hey**
Hey is used to get someone's attention, e.g. **Hey, Mary! Come here! Oops** is said after a small mistake, and **Mmm** shows that you like something.

7. 'Ta' is synonymous with _____.
✔ **B) thank you**
Ta is very informal British English for **thank you**, e.g. **Ta, that's kind of you.** Note that we say **synonymous with**, not **synonymous of**.

8. A: I scored 660 points in the TOEFL test!

B: _____! That's amazing!
✔ **A) Wow**
Wow! expresses admiration or great surprise, which matches **That's amazing!**. **Aha!** is said when you suddenly understand something, and **Woe!** expresses sorrow.

9. Your children are making a lot of noise and you want to hear the news on the radio. How do you urge silence?
✔ **A) Shh!**
Shh! is the sound we make to ask people to be quiet. Not **Tut-tut**, which shows disapproval but does not ask for silence; **Ow!** expresses pain.

10. _____! The spinach soup is out of this world!
✔ **A) Mmm**
Mmm shows that food tastes very good, which fits **out of this world** (excellent). **Yuk** shows disgust, the opposite meaning.

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