ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Latin Prefixes and Roots Quiz: ab-, ad-, ob-, per-, trans-

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Explanations

1. A broken-down lorry was ___ both lanes of the road for an hour.
✔ **A) obstructing**
Obstruct (ob- “in the way” + struct “build”) means block. Deflect turns something aside, permeate means spread through, and abstain means choose not to vote.

2. Five members voted for the plan, three voted against, and two ___.
✔ **B) abstained**
Abstain means choose not to vote. Members who concurred would have agreed and voted; deter and abhor need an object.

3. “I ___ dishonesty in any form,” the new head told the staff. (= hate it deeply)
✔ **C) abhor**
Abhor (ab- “away” + hor “shudder”) means hate something deeply. Adhere means stick to, alleviate means make lighter, and deter means frighten away.

4. Every member of staff must ___ to the hospital’s hygiene rules.
✔ **D) adhere**
You adhere to rules: you stick to them. You concur with people, converge on a point, and deter someone from something.

5. The new tablets will ___ her symptoms, but they won’t cure the illness.
✔ **A) alleviate**
Alleviate (ad- + lev “light”) means make pain or a problem lighter. Obstruct would make things worse, and transcend means go beyond.

6. Which pair fits? The two judges ___ with each other, and the three paths ___ at the old bridge.
✔ **B) concurred … converged**
People concur with each other: they agree. Paths and roads converge: they meet at one point. Paths cannot concur, and judges do not “converge with each other”.

7. Heavy fines are meant to ___ drivers from using their phones at the wheel.
✔ **C) deter**
Deter someone from doing something means frighten them away from it. Deflect is for balls, questions and blame, not people.

8. Asked about the scandal, the coach skilfully ___ attention onto the referee.
✔ **D) deflected**
Deflect (de- “away” + flect “bend”) means turn attention, a question or blame in another direction.

9. Which word describes security staff you hardly notice, in a good way?
✔ **A) unobtrusive**
Unobtrusive means quiet and hardly noticed. Pervasive means spread everywhere, usually unwelcome, and transient means short-lived.

10. The smell of fresh paint ___ every room in the flat for a week.
✔ **B) permeated**
Permeate (per- “through”) means pass through every part of something, as smells and liquids do.

11. Fear of losing their jobs is ___ among the factory workers: nearly everyone feels it.
✔ **C) pervasive**
Pervasive means spread everywhere. Transient means short-lived, and unobtrusive is about not being noticed.

12. Which pair fits? Her fame was ___: within a year nobody remembered her name. But her best song ___ age and language.
✔ **D) transient … transcended**
Transient (trans- “across” + i “go”) means it passes quickly. Transcend (“climb beyond”) means go beyond limits such as age or language.

13. After the ___ that the company had hidden a safety report, its shares fell.
✔ **A) disclosure**
A disclosure (disclose + -ure) is secret information made public. Tenure is time in a post, a deterrent frightens people away, and an obstruction blocks.

14. During his ten-year ___ as chairman, the club won three titles.
✔ **B) tenure**
Tenure is the time you hold a job or position. Adherence means sticking to rules, and transient is an adjective.

15. Which pair fits? The pupil’s answer was ___, clear and well organised, and she later admitted that her joke had been ___, not an accident.
✔ **C) articulate … deliberate**
Articulate means able to express ideas clearly; deliberate means done on purpose. Both are adjectives ending in a weak /ət/.