ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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## Explanations

**1.** **Fill in the blank with the missing word:**

Joe is going to present his report in front of 200 people. He has butterflies in his _____.
✔ **B) stomach**
To **have butterflies in your stomach** means to feel nervous before something important. Joe feels this way because he must speak in front of 200 people.

**2.** Did you hear? Sam _____ the question. We're getting married!
✔ **B) popped**
To **pop the question** means to ask someone to marry you. The clue is **We're getting married!**

**3.** Tim is tired of playing the _____. He's ready to get married.
✔ **A) field**
To **play the field** means to date many different people instead of having one serious partner. Tim is tired of this and now wants to get married.

**4.** After the conference in San Francisco, Angela spent the weekend in California on the company _____.
✔ **C) dime**
**On the company dime** is American English. It means that the company pays for something. Angela's weekend was paid for by her company.

**5.** My boss hit the _____ when he found out the client was leaving us for a competitor.
✔ **C) roof**
To **hit the roof** means to become suddenly very angry. The boss was furious when he heard that the client was leaving.

**6.** Jen liked Greg at the beginning of the date. But when he started talking about his ex-wives, it was the kiss of _____.
✔ **A) death**
**The kiss of death** is something that ruins a situation or makes it certain to fail. Greg's talk about his ex-wives ended Jen's interest in him.

**7.** Jeremy used to date several women at the same time, but those days are _____.
✔ **C) over**
**Those days are over** means that something that used to happen doesn't happen anymore. Jeremy no longer dates several women at once. Not **behind**: it needs a person after it, as in **those days are behind him**.

**8.** If you want to be our distributor for China, I'm sure we can _____ a deal.
✔ **C) cut**
To **cut a deal** means to make an agreement, usually in business. Example: **We cut a deal with a new supplier.**

**9.** Yes, it's true I hated my last job, but I prefer not to _____ on the past.
✔ **A) dwell**
To **dwell on** something means to keep thinking or talking about it, usually something unpleasant. The speaker doesn't want to keep talking about the old job.

**10.** I was mad at you for not inviting me to your party, but let bygones be _____.
✔ **C) bygones**
**Let bygones be bygones** means to forget past problems and be friends again. The speaker was angry but now wants to forget it.

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