ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:**

Bob won't be able to meet with you on Friday. **He's booked solid**.
✓ A) His schedule is full.
Booked solid means a person has no free time because every hour of their schedule is already planned. That is why Bob can't meet on Friday: **His schedule is full.** Not **He's got plenty of time**, which means the opposite.

2. Campbell Soup Company announced plans to **roll out** a new line of healthy soups.
✓ B) introduce
To **roll out** a product means to **introduce** it, or make it available to the public for the first time. Example: **The company will roll out its new phone in May.**

3. As part of their hiring process, the Donox Company searches the Internet to see what kind of information they can **dig up** on their job candidates.
✓ C) find
To **dig up** information means to **find** it, usually by searching carefully. The company searches the Internet to find facts about job candidates. Not **make up**, which means to invent something that isn't true.

4. If you don't want to go to the party, then stay home. **It's no skin off my nose**.
✓ B) It doesn't matter to me.
It's no skin off my nose means **it doesn't matter to me**, because your choice doesn't affect me. The speaker doesn't care whether the other person goes to the party or stays home.

5. Glen got promoted to vice president? **You must be pulling my leg!**
✓ C) I can't believe it!
You must be pulling my leg! means "You must be joking!" We say it when news is so surprising that we **can't believe it**. The speaker is shocked that Glen became vice president.

6. You should **hang onto** those old family photos.
✓ C) keep
To **hang onto** something means to **keep** it and not give it away or throw it out. Example: **Hang onto your receipt in case you need to return the shirt. Throw out** means the opposite.

7. Ashley told you what happened between her and Jeremy? **I'm all ears!**
✓ B) I'm very interested.
I'm all ears means "I'm listening carefully and **very interested** in what you'll tell me." The speaker is eager to hear the story about Ashley and Jeremy. Not **I can't hear you**: the idiom is about wanting to hear more.

8. Please **swing by** later to pick up the sales report.
✓ B) come to my office
To **swing by** means to visit a place quickly and informally, often on the way to somewhere else. Here it means **come to my office** for a short time to pick up the report. Example: **I'll swing by your house after work.**

9. You want me to drive you to the airport at 6 a.m. on Saturday? Okay, but **it's going to cost you**.
✓ A) I'm going to expect something in return
It's going to cost you is a playful way of saying "I'll do it, but I **expect something in return**," such as a favor or a dinner. It is not about real money. Not **I'll send you the bill**: the speaker isn't asking for actual payment.

10. Be sure to **make small talk** with the Japanese clients before presenting the proposal.
✓ C) talk socially
To **make small talk** means to **talk socially** about light, friendly topics like the weather, travel or hobbies before serious business. Not **talk about small details**: "small" here means unimportant, polite conversation, not details of the work.

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