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Explanations

1. _____ relations between the two countries have not been very satisfactory recently.
✔ **B) Economic**
Economic means connected with trade, industry and money, so **economic relations** are trade links between countries. Not **economical**, which means 'saving money' or 'not wasteful' (an **economical car**).

2. Oh, it must be _____ cold weather now up there on top of the hill.
✔ **E) freezing**
Freezing means extremely cold, and **freezing cold** is a common collocation. The clue is **on top of the hill**, where it is colder. **Boiling** means extremely hot, so it cannot go with **cold**.

3. I am sorry for bothering you at such a (an) _____ hour.
✔ **B) inconvenient**
Inconvenient means causing problems or not at a good time. We say **at an inconvenient hour** when we disturb someone too early or too late. The speaker apologises, so the time must be bad, not **convenient**.

4. The service here is always _____. It has never been compulsory.
✔ **C) voluntary**
Voluntary means done because you choose to, not because you must. It is the opposite of **compulsory**, which is the clue in the second sentence.

5. I am rather _____ about her health. Really, she must see the doctor at once.
✔ **C) concerned**
Concerned about means worried about: **I'm concerned about her health.** The clue is that she needs a doctor at once. Not **confusing**, which describes something hard to understand, not a feeling.

6. She is now a popular, _____ film star.
✔ **B) glamorous**
Glamorous means attractive, exciting and stylish, often connected with fame and money. It collocates naturally with **film star**: **a glamorous film star**.

7. A (an) _____ soldier is most likely to run away from battle.
✔ **A) cowardly**
Cowardly means lacking courage or easily frightened. A cowardly soldier runs away instead of fighting. **Courageous** means the opposite: brave. A **victorious** soldier has won, so there is no reason to run, an **unconscious** soldier cannot run at all, and **vertical** does not describe a person's character.

8. It's _____!! They charged me double the price of an ordinary bottle of wine in that restaurant.
✔ **A) outrageous**
Outrageous means shocking and unacceptable, often used about prices: **The prices are outrageous!** Being charged double is the clue. Not **outstanding**, which means excellent.

9. Her voice had become _____ from shouting. Her last words were almost inaudible.
✔ **B) hoarse**
Hoarse describes a rough, weak voice, often after shouting or a cold. The clue is **from shouting** and **almost inaudible** (very hard to hear).

10. Once I was going up in the lift at a hotel when another person whom I hadn't met until then started talking to me. He asked, "How are you?" and I answered, "Fine." He then asked me, "What else are you up to?" and I replied, "Well, nothing much." He then said angrily, "Do you mind? I am on the phone!" I was so _____ that I got out of the lift at the next floor and walked up the rest of the stairs.
✔ **E) embarrassed**
Embarrassed means feeling silly or ashamed in front of other people. The writer answered questions that the man was really asking someone on the phone. That is why the writer felt embarrassed and left the lift. Not **sarcastic**, which describes saying the opposite of what you mean in order to mock someone.

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