ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. The future is something that many people, especially young ones, worry about. Our elders tell us that making correct decisions about our futures is very important and making a mistake can ruin us forever. However, when one looks at the records, those people who have taken chances and tried to do things their own way tend to make out much better than those who do things the way the system expects.
✔ E) Although it is generally felt that people shouldn't take risks, many people who do have proved that being different is not always wrong.
The paragraph contrasts two ideas. Elders say we must not make mistakes; however, the records show that people who take chances often do better. Only this option keeps both halves: the common belief and the evidence against it. Not the option about decisions seeming incorrect, because it leaves out the main contrast between playing safe and taking risks.

2. Although we didn't know who she was or where she had come from, it was easy to guess that she had some type of royal blood in her veins. The English she spoke was so carefully precise that she couldn't possibly be a native speaker. Her graceful movements and confident gestures indicated power and control. All in all, the appearance she presented was very impressive.
✔ D) This unknown woman had a manner that impressed those who met her.
The details (royal look, precise English, graceful movements) all support the last sentence: **the appearance she presented was very impressive**. Her identity was also unknown. Not the option about royal heritage, because the writers only **guessed** this; it was not a fact.

3. From the very first, man has wondered if there was life on worlds other than our own. The mind of man has wandered to many light-years away: to other planets and solar systems. Today man is still asking this question, but he seeks the answer in science and technology instead of religion and magic.
✔ B) Since the beginning of man's history the question of whether there is life on other planets has been asked, but today new ways of answering this question are available.
The paragraph makes two points. People have asked about life on other planets **from the very first**, and **today** they look for the answer in a new way: science and technology. Only this option includes both points. Not 'Man has always asked himself about life on other planets', because it leaves out the new way of finding answers.

4. There are many different reasons why a poet writes poetry. I would suppose that some write poems for themselves and to please their own senses. Others, however, write to share thoughts, or rather feelings with others. Most poems are meant to appeal to the heart and senses rather than to the mind and reason.
✔ E) Among the different reasons for writing poetry, the need to express emotions is probably the strongest motive for most poets.
The paragraph says there are **many different reasons** for writing poetry, but it ends by saying most poems appeal to **the heart and senses**. That means expressing feelings is the main motive. Only this option combines both ideas. Not 'Poets write poems for themselves and for others', because it misses the main point about emotions.

5. The art form which is best known under the name of Impressionism evolved in France with the Realist movement of the mid to late 1800s. Although this style only lasted for about 15 years in a pure form, it has influenced the style of art that has come after it till today. The motivating thought in this style of art comes from the idea that "Nothing is seen without light."
✔ B) The Impressionism style of art, which started in France in the late 1800s and still has a strong effect on artists today, gives importance to light.
A good summary includes all three main points: Impressionism **began in France in the 1800s**, it **still influences** art today, and its key idea is light (**"Nothing is seen without light"**). Only this option includes all three. Not the option saying it lasted only 15 years and left no influence, because the passage says it has influenced art **till today**.

6. War is one of the most terrible parts of human history. Death, destruction and pain, both physical and emotional, are the primary results of war. Still, man seems to be incapable of doing without it.
✔ C) The death and misery that war produces are not enough to stop man from fighting.
The paragraph says war brings death, destruction and pain. Still, people seem unable to do without it. This option keeps both ideas: the terrible results and the fact that people go on fighting. Not 'man likes to make war', because the passage says people are **incapable of doing without it**, not that they enjoy it.

7. Our world seems to be changing too fast to keep up with. In my youth, life was much more simple. Our parents worried about feeding and educating us. We worried about simple things like school and friends. Today, however, children have become selfish and materialistic.

✔ E) Time has changed the needs and attitudes of people.

The writer compares the past with today. In the past, parents and children worried about simple **needs**, but today children's **attitudes** have become selfish and materialistic. So the main idea is that time has changed people's needs and attitudes. Not 'Children are brought up differently these days', because the passage talks about how children **are**, not how they are raised.

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