ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Reading Comprehension Passage 17 MCQ Test With Answers – THE MENOPAUSE

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Explanations

1. ***The menopause is***
✓ B) the third and ultimate period in a woman's life.
Paragraph 3 says every woman passes through **three epochs**, and in the third she **enters the menopause**. So the menopause is the last period of her life. Not **a relatively short period**: paragraph 1 says it is **never a brief event**. Not **from the moment a woman is born**: it starts when the ovaries stop working properly.

2. ***_____ is/are just (a) poetic speculation.***
✓ B) "Explanations" through a feminine mystique
Paragraph 2 says people once blamed these disorders on **"evil influences"**. It calls such ideas **poetic speculations about the feminine mystique**. So the mystical "explanations" are the poetic speculation. Not the theories about the **hypothalamic-pituitary-ovarian axis**: these are the modern scientific ideas that prove the old speculations wrong.

3. ***Choose the correct statement:***
✓ C) The female human animal goes through three phases in her life.
Paragraph 3 says **each and every woman must pass through three epochs**: childhood, the years of fertility and the menopause. Not the first option: it is childhood, not the menopause, that prepares for the years of fertility.

4. ***Choose the incorrect statement:***
✓ D) Unfortunately, every woman pays a price by being protected from the many stresses and trials of childbearing.
The passage says the woman **is protected** from the stresses of childbearing, and **for** this protection she pays a price. That price is the unwanted problems caused by less estrogen. So being protected is not the price, and this statement is incorrect. The other statements match the passage: less estrogen is **mainly responsible**, menopause is the **permanent cessation of menstruation**, and in the past people believed in **"evil influences"**.

5. ***A suitable subtitle for the passage might be:***
✓ C) A Brief Definition
The passage is short. It explains what the menopause is, when it comes in a woman's life and what mainly causes its problems, so **A Brief Definition** fits it as a subtitle. Not **Poetic Speculation About The Feminine Mystique**: the passage mentions these old ideas only to reject them.

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