ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Reading Comprehension Passage 34 MCQ Test With Answers – TOO YOUNG TO RESIGN TO HIS FATE

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Explanations

1. ***The young man has been thrown into a***
✓ E) prison cell.
The passage describes bare concrete walls, a massive timber-and-steel door, a guard's keys and a **wire grating** over the light. He is also worried about how many **years** he will get. These details show he is locked in a **prison cell**. It is not a **church cellar**: the church bell is only heard far away, 'in some other part of the city'.

2. ***Cross out the incorrect statement:***
✓ B) There is a bare electric bulb hanging from the ceiling.
Paragraph 1 says the bulb is **over the door**, shining through wire grating. It does not say the bulb hangs from the ceiling, so this is the incorrect statement. All the other statements match the text: he is alone, he has three blankets and a wooden 'pillow', and the bed is a wooden bench.

3. ***Mark out the correct statement:***
✓ C) The "pillow" was not comfortable at all.
Paragraph 2 says the wooden pillow was **too much for me**, and it was even **too hard for my feet**. So the 'pillow' was not comfortable at all. Not 'On Mondays, they let him walk up the stairs': he is thinking about one particular Monday, when he will be taken upstairs. The text does not describe something that happens every week.

4. ***The young man is looking forward to Monday, because on that day he will***
✓ D) presumably appear before a court.
Paragraph 3 says that on Monday morning he would 'at least get a walk up the stairs'. He also worries about how many years he will get 'on account of my age'. This suggests he will be taken upstairs to **appear before a court**. Not 'be released': he expects a sentence of some years, not freedom.

5. ***Mark out the correct statement:***
✓ C) His cell is in the basement of the building.
Paragraph 1 says the window was **below ground level**, and the guards went **up the stairs** when they left. So his cell is in the **basement**. Not the statement about his feet: the text says the pillow was 'too hard for my feet, too', so his feet were no more comfortable than his head.

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