ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. He has two **young children** running around his house.
✓ **A) rug rats**
Rug rats is a slang, joking word for **young children**, especially small ones crawling or running around: **The rug rats are making a mess again.**

2. He was **dismissed from work** yesterday.
✓ **C) sacked**
Sacked (mainly British) means **dismissed from your job**: **She got sacked for being late every day.**

3. There is always some kind of **swindle** going on over there.
✓ **C) scam**
A **scam** is a dishonest plan to cheat people out of money, a **swindle**: **That online offer is a scam.**

4. I wish they wouldn't just rush in, **eat really quickly**, and then leave.
✓ **C) scarf it down**
To **scarf it down** (informal, mainly American) means to eat something very quickly: **He scarfed down his lunch in two minutes.**

5. Nobody is interested so let's just **cancel** the whole thing.
✓ **A) scratch**
To **scratch** a plan or event means to **cancel** it: **The match was scratched because of the rain.**

6. I don't know why she likes him. He's so **dirty and unkempt**.
✓ **B) scruffy**
Scruffy means untidy and dirty in appearance: **a scruffy old jacket**. Not **sharp**, which means smart and well-dressed, the opposite.

7. That band plays some **excellent** tunes, you know.
✓ **A) serious**
In slang, **serious** can mean excellent or impressive: **They make some serious burgers here.** Not **shabby**, which means old and in bad condition.

8. Wow, those are really cool **sunglasses**.
✓ **C) shades**
Shades is an informal word for **sunglasses**: **Don't forget your shades, it's sunny.**

9. Go on and have another **try**.
✓ **B) shot**
A **shot** is an informal word for a **try** or attempt: **Give it a shot!**

10. They all **criticized** me, but it wasn't my fault.
✓ **A) slammed**
To **slam** someone means to **criticize** them strongly: **The film was slammed by critics.**

11. I'm not going to a **horrible and dirty** place like that.
✓ **A) sleazy**
Sleazy describes a place that is dirty, cheap and unpleasant, and often a bit immoral: **a sleazy bar**. Not **sober**, which means not drunk or serious and calm, and not **solid**, which means strong or reliable.

12. Look at the time! We should **leave**.
✓ **B) split**
To **split** is slang for **to leave**: **It's late, let's split.**

13. He comes from a **very old-fashioned** family.
✓ **C) square**
Square is slang for very old-fashioned or boring: **My parents are so square.** Not **shoddy**, which means badly made.

14. The stolen car has New York **license plates**.
✓ **A) tags**
In American slang, **tags** are a car's **license plates**: **The car had California tags.**

15. The old bridge was **completely destroyed** by the storm.
✓ **C) taken out**
To **take out** something can mean to destroy it completely: **The flood took out the main road.** Not **taped**, which means fixed or recorded with tape.

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