ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **(Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)**
Erica: Bad news. Jake and Mary can't _____ tomorrow night.
✔ **B) make it**
To **make it** means to be able to come to an event. **Jake and Mary can't make it tomorrow night** = they can't come. The other options don't fit after **can't**.

2. *Alex:* _____! I was really looking forward to having them at the _____.
✔ **A) What a shame**
What a shame! is how you react to bad news and show you are disappointed. Alex goes on to say he was looking forward to seeing them, so he is sad about the news. Not **These things happen**, because that is said to accept bad news calmly, and Erica says it a little later.

3. *Alex:* _____! I was really looking forward to having them at the _____.
✔ **D) dinner party**
A **dinner party** is a social event where you invite guests to your home for dinner. After **at the** we need a noun for an event, and later Erica mentions another dinner that clashes with it.

4. *Erica:* I know, but what can we do? _____.
✔ **A) These things happen**
These things happen means bad or annoying things sometimes happen and we just have to accept them. It matches Erica's words **what can we do?**

5. *Alex:* Why can't they make it? _____?

Erica: Yes. It turns out they have a dinner at Jake's boss's house tomorrow night.
✔ **B) Did something come up**
Did something come up? asks whether something unexpected has happened that stops a person from doing a plan. Erica answers **Yes** and explains that they have a dinner at Jake's boss's house.

6. *Alex:* I can't believe they're canceling _____. Didn't she know about the other dinner before?
✔ **C) at the eleventh hour**
At the eleventh hour means at the last possible moment. Alex is surprised they are canceling only one day before the party: **They canceled at the eleventh hour.**

7. *Erica:* Yes, Jake had told her about it, but it _____.
✔ **A) slipped her mind**
If something **slips your mind**, you forget it. Jake told Mary about the other dinner, but she forgot: **it slipped her mind**.

8. *Alex:* What a _____!
✔ **B) flake**
A **flake** is an informal word for a person who often forgets things or cancels plans. Alex is annoyed that Mary forgot and canceled late, so he calls her a flake.

9. *Erica:* She was very apologetic. She wants to _____ by having us over next week.
✔ **D) make it up to us**
To **make it up to someone** means to do something nice for them because you disappointed them. Mary wants to invite them to her home next week to fix her mistake. Not **make it**, which means to be able to come.

10. *Alex:* My parents are going to be here, remember?

Erica: Mary said we should bring them too. "_____," she said.
✔ **D) The more the merrier**
The more the merrier means that more people will make an event more fun. Mary uses it to say Alex's parents are welcome to come too.

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