ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the most appropriate reply to the following statements:**

Bob: "Susan, I can't get my old job back. It's a lost cause."
Susan's reply:
✔ **C) "I understand. You'll find something else."**
A **lost cause** is something that has no chance of success. Bob means he will never get his old job back, so Susan encourages him to look for a new one. Not "Lost? Maybe I can help you find it", because the idiom has nothing to do with losing an object.

2. *Susan:* "How could Peter fire you? Were you slacking off?"
Bob's reply:
✔ **A) "No. I was working very hard!"**
To **slack off** means to work less hard than you should or to be lazy. Bob answers **No** and says he was working hard, so his answer makes sense. Not "Yes. I was working very hard!", because **Yes** would mean he was lazy, and then the second part contradicts it.

3. *Ted:* "It's getting late. I'd better start hitting the books."
Bob's reply:
✔ **A) "Yes, that's a good idea. Spend some time studying."**
To **hit the books** means to study, especially hard. Bob agrees that studying is a good idea. Not "Why don't you study instead?", because hitting the books already means studying.

4. *Peter:* "I don't give a hoot how long you've been working here."
Bob's reply:
✔ **B) "I guess our years together aren't important to you."**
I don't give a hoot means "I don't care at all." Peter doesn't care how long Bob has worked there, so Bob says their years together aren't important to him. Not "Yes, it was a long time", because it ignores what Peter really means.

5. *Bob:* "Susan, the truth is that I couldn't stand Peter."
Susan's reply:
✔ **C) "I didn't like him either. He was a jerk."**
Can't stand someone means you really dislike them. Susan agrees that she **didn't like him either**. A **jerk** is an unpleasant, rude person. The other replies wrongly say Peter was liked.

6. *Susan:* "Nicole, do you ever cut class?"
Nicole's reply:
✔ **A) "No. I've never missed a single class."**
To **cut class** means to skip a class on purpose, without a good reason. Nicole answers **No** and says she has never missed a class. Not "No. Sometimes I go to the mall during class time", because going to the mall during class **is** cutting class, so **No** doesn't fit.

7. *Bob:* "This book on computers is way over my head."
Susan's reply:
✔ **B) "Why don't you start with an easier book?"**
If something is **way over your head**, it is much too difficult for you to understand. So Susan suggests an easier book. Not "Here, try this book. It's more difficult", because Bob needs something easier, not harder.

8. *Nicole:* "I've got my heart set on going to the school picnic."
Susan's reply:
✔ **A) "Okay. You should definitely go."**
To **have your heart set on** something means to want it very much. Nicole really wants to go to the picnic, so Susan tells her she should go. The other replies wrongly suggest Nicole doesn't want to go.

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