ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Nicole is very reliable. You can always count _____ her.
✔ **B) on**
Count on someone means to trust that they will help you or do what they promise. It fits **reliable**: **You can always count on her.**

2. I need to ask you for your help, and I'll do something nice for you in return. You scratch my _____ and I'll scratch yours.
✔ **A) back**
The idiom **You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours** means "if you help me, I'll help you." The clue is **I'll do something nice for you in return**.

3. Stop kidding _____! Tell me where you hid my shoes.
✔ **B) around**
Kid around means to joke or tease and not be serious. The speaker wants a real answer about the shoes: **Stop kidding around!** means "Stop joking!"

4. I can't believe that Lisa gave you the _____ shoulder. I thought you two were friends.
✔ **C) cold**
Give someone the cold shoulder means to ignore someone on purpose or treat them in an unfriendly way. The clue is **I thought you two were friends**. The idiom always uses **cold**, never **freezing**.

5. Ted's friends didn't want to vote for Nicole, but Ted talked them _____ it.
✔ **A) into**
Talk someone into (doing) something means to persuade them to do it. Ted's friends didn't want to vote for Nicole, but Ted **talked them into it**. Not **around**: **talk someone around** means to change their opinion, and it is not followed by **it**.

6. Although Jim Greene was _____ far the more qualified candidate, he lost the election because of a scandal.
✔ **C) by**
By far makes a comparative or superlative stronger. It means "very clearly" or "by a large amount": **by far the more qualified candidate**. Not **way**: **way** goes directly before the comparative (**way more qualified**), not before **far**.

7. Denise is really full _____ herself. She thinks she's the smartest and most beautiful woman in the world.
✔ **B) of**
Be full of yourself means to think you are better or more important than other people. The second sentence shows this: **She thinks she's the smartest and most beautiful woman in the world.**

8. Nicole thinks that Andrea is a snob. She says Andrea won't _____ her the time of day.
✔ **A) give**
Not give someone the time of day means to ignore someone completely, often because you think you are better than them. It matches **snob**. The idiom always uses **give**.

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