ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. That he would get himself involved in some accident, in the end, was ***inevitable*** from the very beginning.
✓ **D) inescapable**
Inevitable means certain to happen, impossible to avoid or prevent, so its closest synonym is **inescapable**. The sentence says the accident was bound to happen from the start. Not **unexpected**, which means almost the opposite: something nobody predicted.

2. She ***vaguely*** reminds me of my first wife, and this is certainly a great disadvantage on her part!
✓ **D) slightly**
Vaguely here means in a slight, unclear or not very definite way: **She vaguely reminds me of someone** = there is a slight resemblance. The closest option is **slightly**. The other options (hatefully, joyfully, stupidly, carelessly) describe feelings or manner, not degree.

3. She was fined for ***abusive language***.
✓ **A) swearing**
Abusive language is rude, insulting or offensive words used against someone, so the best match is **swearing** (using rude or offensive words). None of the other options carries the idea of insult or offence.

4. This is a complete edition; it is not ***abridged***.
✓ **C) shortened**
Abridged means made shorter by leaving parts out, as in **an abridged edition of a novel**. The clue is **complete edition**, which is the opposite of a shortened one. Not **censored**, which means parts were removed because they were considered offensive or dangerous; the focus there is on control, not length.

5. His doctor recommended that he ***abstain from*** alcohol.
✓ **B) stay away from**
To **abstain from** something means to choose not to do or have it, especially something pleasant or harmful such as alcohol or smoking. So the doctor told him to **stay away from** alcohol. The options about drinking more or consuming large quantities mean the opposite.

6. The captain wouldn't ***abandon*** the sinking ship until the very last moment.
✓ **E) quit and leave**
To **abandon** something means to leave it completely and not return, so **quit and leave** is the synonym. The captain stayed until the last moment before leaving the sinking ship. Not **stay on and go down with**, which is the opposite of abandoning it.

7. You might borrow money from a friend, but not from an ordinary ***acquaintance***.
✓ **E) somebody you happen to know**
An **acquaintance** is a person you know slightly but who is not a close friend, i.e. **somebody you happen to know**. The sentence contrasts a friend with a mere acquaintance. Not **bosom friend**, which means a very close friend, the opposite idea.

8. He wrote a ***remarkable*** book towards the end of his life.
✓ **C) noteworthy**
Remarkable means unusual or impressive enough to be noticed and talked about, so its synonym is **noteworthy** (worth noting). **Illegible** (impossible to read) and **unintelligible** (impossible to understand) are distractors that look similarly formal but mean something else.

9. Everyone says that Ali and Güneş ***resemble*** their father, both in appearance and in character.
✓ **C) take after**
To **resemble** someone means to look or be like them. The phrasal verb **take after** means to resemble an older family member: **She takes after her mother.** The clue **their father** makes **take after** the perfect match. Not **imitate**, which means to copy someone on purpose, not to be naturally similar.

10. The Social Democrats are going to appeal to the Supreme Court for the ***repealing*** of the new police laws.
✓ **C) cancellation**
To **repeal** a law means to officially cancel it, so **the repealing** (or **the repeal**) of the laws is their **cancellation**. Not **confirmation** or **approval**, which mean the opposite: keeping the laws in force.

11. The minister was having an ***affair*** with his undersecretary's ex-wife.
✓ **C) love relationship**
Have an affair with someone means to have a romantic or sexual **love relationship**, usually a secret one. The pattern **having an affair with + person** shows this meaning. Not **business**: **affair** can mean a matter or business (**foreign affairs**), but not after **have an affair with someone**.

12. Your excuses are all ***beside the point***.
✓ **C) irrelevant**
Beside the point means not connected with the matter being discussed, so it is the same as **irrelevant**. Not **irreverent** (showing no respect), which looks similar but has a completely different meaning.

13. I can see that you've terribly ***neglected*** your husband all through these years.
✓ C) not cared enough for
To **neglect** someone means to fail to give them the care and attention they need, i.e. **not cared enough for**. Not **forgotten and disremembered**: neglecting someone is not forgetting them, but failing to look after them properly.

14. Most people ***hate and are disgusted by*** cruelty to defenceless animals.
✓ D) detest
Here the phrase is given and you choose the single verb: **detest** means to hate something intensely and find it disgusting, as in **I detest cruelty.** Not **disprove** (show something is false) or **approve of** (think something is good), which do not express strong dislike.

15. ***Corrupt*** officials, working hand-in-hand with greedy business people and unscrupulous investors, are putting private gain before the welfare of citizens.
✓ E) dishonest, crooked, characterized by improper conduct (e.g. bribery)
Corrupt describes people in power who act dishonestly for personal gain, for example by taking bribes. So the match is **dishonest, crooked**. The context **putting private gain before the welfare of citizens** confirms this. All the other options describe honest or admirable qualities, the opposite of **corrupt**.

16. There are very few left now of the Australian ***Aborigines*** still following their traditional way of life.
✓ C) natives
Aborigines (today usually **Aboriginal people**) are the original inhabitants of Australia, the people who lived there before Europeans arrived. So the closest option is **natives**, meaning people born in or originally belonging to a place. Not **immigrants**, who are people who came from another country, the opposite idea.

17. I will not accept his services as a go-between. He has been ever so ***biased*** all through this case.
✓ A) prejudiced
Biased means unfairly favouring one side, so it is close to **prejudiced** (having an unfair opinion formed in advance). The clue is **go-between**: a mediator must be fair to both sides. Not **impartial**, which is the opposite of **biased**: treating all sides equally.

18. Do I have to stay here and witness all this ***absurdity***?
✓ B) nonsense and foolishness
Absurdity is something completely unreasonable or ridiculous, so it matches **nonsense and foolishness**. The speaker is annoyed at having to watch something silly. The other options (drama, tragic event, mystery) lack the idea of ridiculousness.

19. I want you to give me an ***accurate*** account of what really happened there.
✓ E) correct
Accurate means exact and free from mistakes, so **correct** is the synonym: **an accurate account** is a true, precise description of events. Not **erroneous**, which means containing errors, the opposite.

20. ***Charity*** begins at home.
✓ A) Being considerate and helpful
Charity here means kindness and help given to others, so it matches **being considerate and helpful**. The proverb **Charity begins at home** means you should look after your own family before helping other people. The other options (callousness, indifference, violence) describe the opposite of charity.

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