ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Verbal Advantage – Level 01 Word 1 – Word 10 MCQ Test

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Explanations

1. When you paraphrase something, can you change the wording?
✔ **A) yes**
To **paraphrase** means to say or write something again **in different words**, keeping the same meaning. So changing the wording is exactly what you do: **She paraphrased the article for her students.**

2. Is an ostensible reason always a true reason?
✔ **B) no**
Ostensible means **seeming** or **stated**, but possibly hiding the real truth. An ostensible reason is the reason someone gives, which may not be the true one: **His ostensible reason for leaving was illness, but really he was bored.**

3. Would someone who speaks with candor be likely to digress?
✔ **B) no**
Candor (British **candour**) means honest, open and direct speech. To **digress** means to wander away from the main subject. A person who speaks with candor gets straight to the point, so they are not likely to digress.

4. Would seeing a UFO or finding a million dollars in the street be an uncanny experience?
✔ **A) yes**
Uncanny means strange, mysterious or hard to explain because it is beyond the ordinary. Seeing a UFO or finding a million dollars in the street would feel extraordinary and eerie, so both are uncanny experiences.

5. Can you describe a morose person as congenial?
✔ **B) no**
Morose means gloomy, sullen and bad-tempered. **Congenial** means friendly, pleasant and agreeable. The two words are nearly opposites, so a morose person cannot be described as congenial.

6. Does an adept worker do a job well?
✔ **A) yes**
Adept means highly skilled or expert at something. An adept worker therefore does a job well: **She is adept at solving technical problems.**

7. Would a pragmatic person be likely to make a business decision based on a hunch?
✔ **B) no**
A **pragmatic** person is practical and makes decisions based on facts and what actually works. A **hunch** is a feeling without evidence, so a pragmatic person would not usually base a business decision on one.

8. Can the market ever be saturated with competing products?
✔ **A) yes**
Saturated means completely filled, so that nothing more can be added or absorbed. A market can be **saturated** when there are so many competing products that people will not buy any more: **The smartphone market is nearly saturated.**

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