ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. ***Energetic*** and ***haggard*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
Haggard means looking very tired, thin and worn out, often from worry, illness or lack of sleep (**He looked haggard after three sleepless nights**). **Energetic** means full of energy and life, so the two words are opposites.

2. To ***waive*** and to ***relinquish*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
To **relinquish** means to give up or let go of something, such as a right, a claim or power. To **waive** means to give up a right or claim voluntarily (**She waived her right to a lawyer**). Both mean surrendering something, so they are synonyms.

3. ***Spiritual*** and ***carnal*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
Carnal means relating to the body and its physical desires, especially sexual ones (**carnal pleasures**). **Spiritual** relates to the soul or mind rather than the body, so the two words are opposites.

4. To ***sanction*** and to ***prohibit*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
As a verb, to **sanction** usually means to give official approval or permission (**The council sanctioned the new plan**). To **prohibit** means to forbid officially, so they are antonyms. The noun **sanctions** (penalties) has a different meaning that does not apply here.

5. ***Doubtful*** and ***ambiguous*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
Ambiguous means open to more than one interpretation, and therefore uncertain or unclear (**an ambiguous reply**). **Doubtful** in the sense of uncertain or questionable is close in meaning, so the two words are synonyms.

6. ***Miserly*** and ***spendthrift*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
A **spendthrift** spends money wastefully and carelessly. **Miserly** describes someone who hates spending money and hoards it. One wastes money and the other refuses to spend it, so they are antonyms.

7. To ***mollify*** and to ***irritate*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
To **mollify** means to calm or soothe someone who is angry or upset (**An apology mollified the angry customer**). To **irritate** means to annoy or make angry, so the two verbs are opposites.

8. ***Unequivocal*** and ***ambiguous*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
Equivocal means unclear or open to more than one meaning. The prefix **un-** reverses it, so **unequivocal** means completely clear and leaving no doubt (**an unequivocal answer**). **Ambiguous** means unclear, so the two words are antonyms. Don't confuse **unequivocal** with **equivocal**, which is a synonym of **ambiguous**.

9. ***Adaptable*** and ***malleable*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
Malleable literally means able to be hammered or pressed into shape (**a malleable metal**). Figuratively, it means easily influenced or changed. **Adaptable** means able to change to suit new conditions, so the two words are synonyms.

10. ***Verbose*** and ***long-winded*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
Verbose means using more words than necessary (**a verbose report**). **Long-winded** means the same thing: talking or writing at tiresome length. The two words are synonyms.

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