ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Verbal Advantage – Level 03 Word 11 – Word 20 MCQ Test

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Explanations

1. Listening to *Verbal Advantage* will circumscribe your vocabulary.
✔ **B) false**
Circumscribe means to limit or restrict, to draw a boundary around something. Listening to a vocabulary programme should **expand** your vocabulary, not limit it, so the statement is false. Example: **His freedom was circumscribed by strict rules.**

2. If a country has a dearth of food, its people may be starving.
✔ **A) true**
A **dearth** is a scarcity or serious lack of something. A country with a dearth of food does not have enough to eat, so its people may well be starving. The statement is true.

3. The ingratiating person uses flattery to win approval.
✔ **A) true**
Ingratiating describes someone who tries to win favour or approval, often through flattery or excessive eagerness to please. Example: **an ingratiating smile**. The statement is true.

4. Mercenary motivations are high-minded and generous.
✔ **B) false**
Mercenary means motivated mainly by money or personal gain, which is greedy and selfish. That is the opposite of **high-minded and generous**, so the statement is false.

5. When you speak off the cuff, you extemporize.
✔ **A) true**
To **extemporize** is to speak or perform without preparation, which means improvising. Speaking **off the cuff** means speaking spontaneously, without notes, so the statement is true.

6. An erudite person lacks knowledge and cultivation.
✔ **B) false**
Erudite means having or showing great knowledge and learning, gained from study. An erudite person is highly knowledgeable and cultivated, not lacking in them, so the statement is false.

7. The happy-go-lucky person has an austere outlook on life.
✔ **B) false**
Austere means severe, stern and strict, or plain and without comfort or luxury. A **happy-go-lucky** person is cheerful and carefree, which is the opposite of an austere outlook. The statement is false.

8. A laconic speaker is long-winded and boring.
✔ **B) false**
Laconic means using very few words, being brief and to the point. A laconic speaker is concise, the opposite of **long-winded**, so the statement is false. Example: **a laconic reply of "Yes."**

9. If you ameliorate something, you make it better.
✔ **A) true**
To **ameliorate** means to make something bad or unsatisfactory better, to improve it. Example: **measures to ameliorate poverty**. The statement is true.

10. When you expunge something, you remove all trace of it.
✔ **A) true**
To **expunge** means to erase or remove something completely, so that no trace is left. Example: **His criminal record was expunged.** The statement is true.

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