ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. When you ***preclude*** something, do you incorporate it, prevent it, or avoid it?
✔ **B) prevent it**
To **preclude** something means to **prevent** it or make it impossible in advance: **Bad weather precluded any chance of a picnic.** Not **avoid it**: when you avoid something, you keep away from it, but when you preclude it, you stop it from happening at all.

2. Is a person who is ***castigated*** criticized severely, treated unfairly, or expelled?
✔ **A) criticized severely**
To **castigate** someone means to **criticize them severely** or scold them harshly: **The coach castigated the team for its careless play.** Not **treated unfairly**: castigation is about harsh words, whether or not they are deserved.

3. When something is expressed in ***colloquial*** terms, is it incomprehensible, illiterate, or informal?
✔ **C) informal**
Colloquial means **informal**: it describes the language of everyday conversation rather than formal writing. **"Gonna" is a colloquial form of "going to".** Not **illiterate**: colloquial speech is normal and correct in casual situations, not a sign of poor education.

4. If someone ***obfuscates*** an issue, does that mean the person is evading it, making it unclear, or misinterpreting it?
✔ **B) making it unclear**
To **obfuscate** means to **make something unclear** or confusing, often on purpose: **The minister obfuscated the issue with technical jargon.** Not **evading it**: a person who obfuscates may still talk about the issue, but in a way that makes it hard to understand.

5. Is ***facile*** speech effortless, fast, or unclear?
✔ **A) effortless**
Facile means **effortless**, done or produced easily and smoothly: **a facile speaker** talks fluently without difficulty. It can also mean too easy and therefore shallow (**a facile answer**). Not **fast**: facile speech is easy and fluent, not necessarily quick.

6. Is a ***convivial*** person excitable, sociable, or silly?
✔ **B) sociable**
Convivial means **sociable**, friendly and fond of good company, eating and drinking: **a convivial host who loves dinner parties.** Not **excitable**: a convivial person is warm and cheerful, not easily upset or overexcited.

7. If you ***eschew*** something, do you consider it, eliminate it, or avoid it?
✔ **C) avoid it**
To **eschew** something means to **avoid** it deliberately, usually for moral or practical reasons: **She eschews fast food and cooks at home.** Not **eliminate it**: you eschew something by keeping away from it, not by getting rid of it.

8. Is a ***prodigious*** task or a prodigious accomplishment unusual, enormous, or impossible?
✔ **B) enormous**
Prodigious means extraordinarily large in size, amount or degree, so **enormous**: **a prodigious amount of work.** Not **unusual**: a prodigious task is amazing because of its great size or scale, not just because it is uncommon.

9. Is an ***idiosyncrasy*** a similar characteristic, a peculiar characteristic, or an obvious characteristic?
✔ **B) a peculiar characteristic**
An **idiosyncrasy** is **a peculiar characteristic**, an odd habit or way of behaving that belongs to one particular person: **One of his idiosyncrasies is wearing odd socks.** Not **an obvious characteristic**: an idiosyncrasy is defined by being unusual and individual, not by being easy to notice.

10. If you receive ***approbation*** for something, does that mean you get noticed for it, get punished for it, or gain approval for it?
✔ **C) gain approval for it**
Approbation means **approval** or praise, especially official approval: **The plan won the approbation of the committee.** Not **get noticed for it**: approbation is more than attention; it means people think well of what you did.