ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. ***Antagonist*** and ***myrmidon*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
A **myrmidon** is a loyal follower who carries out orders without question, such as a faithful servant or henchman. An **antagonist** is an opponent or adversary. One is on your side and the other is against you, so they are **antonyms**.

2. ***Nascent*** and ***senescent*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
Nascent means just born or beginning to develop, as in **a nascent industry**. **Senescent** means growing old or ageing. One describes the start of life or growth and the other its decline, so they are **antonyms**.

3. To ***accede*** and to ***consent*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
To **accede** means to agree or give consent, often after some resistance, as in **She acceded to their demands**. To **consent** also means to agree, so they are **synonyms**. Don't confuse **accede** with **exceed** (go beyond).

4. ***Ignominious*** and ***magnanimous*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
Ignominious means shameful, disgraceful or dishonourable, as in **an ignominious defeat**. **Magnanimous** means noble-minded and generous, especially towards a rival or someone who has done wrong. A disgraceful character is the opposite of a noble one, so they are **antonyms**.

5. ***Nonage*** and ***immaturity*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
Nonage means the period of being legally under age, and by extension any period of youth or immaturity. **Immaturity** means the state of not being fully grown or developed. They express the same idea, so they are **synonyms**.

6. ***Commendation*** and ***invective*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
Invective is harsh, abusive language used to attack or condemn someone. **Commendation** is formal praise or approval. Attacking words are the opposite of praising words, so they are **antonyms**.

7. ***Plot*** and ***machination*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
A **machination** is a crafty, secret scheme or plot, usually to do harm, and the word is often used in the plural: **political machinations**. A **plot** is a secret plan, so the two words are **synonyms**.

8. ***Intractable*** and ***docile*** are _____.
✓ **B) antonyms**
Intractable means stubborn and hard to control or manage, as in **an intractable problem** or **an intractable child**. **Docile** means calm, obedient and easy to control. They are **antonyms**.

9. ***Formidable*** and ***redoubtable*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
Redoubtable means **formidable**: inspiring fear, awe or respect because of great strength or ability, as in **a redoubtable opponent**. **Formidable** has the same meaning, so they are synonyms. Despite its look, **redoubtable** does not mean 'doubtful'. It comes from an old French word meaning 'to fear'.

10. To ***prognosticate*** and to ***predict*** are _____.
✓ **A) synonyms**
To **prognosticate** means to predict or foretell the future, especially from signs or symptoms. It is related to **prognosis**, a doctor's forecast of how an illness will develop. It means the same as **predict**, so they are **synonyms**.

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