ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. ***Tantamount*** does NOT mean _____.
✓ **B) balanced**
Tantamount means **equal** or **equivalent** in effect or value, as in **His silence was tantamount to a confession.** It does not mean **balanced**, which describes things in a stable, even state.

2. A ***pariah*** is NOT _____.
✓ **A) an unlucky person**
A **pariah** is **an outcast** or **a social reject**: someone rejected and avoided by others. **After the scandal he became a pariah in the industry.** The word says nothing about bad luck, so **an unlucky person** is the wrong meaning.

3. ***Germane*** does NOT mean _____.
✓ **C) interesting**
Germane means **relevant** or **fitting**: closely connected to the subject being discussed. **That point is not germane to our discussion.** A germane remark need not be **interesting**; it only has to be on topic.

4. ***Licentious*** does NOT mean _____.
✓ **B) sexually inhibited**
Licentious means **sexually immoral** or **abandoned**: lacking moral restraint, especially in sexual behaviour. **Inhibited** means the opposite (restrained or self-conscious), so it is the wrong meaning.

5. ***Superannuated*** does NOT mean _____.
✓ **B) highly exaggerated**
Superannuated means old and worn out, or obsolete: too old to be useful, or retired because of age, as in **The factory still uses superannuated machinery.** It has nothing to do with exaggeration, so **highly exaggerated** is the wrong meaning.

6. ***Egregious*** does NOT mean _____.
✓ **A) conspicuously out of place**
Egregious means **conspicuously bad** or **offensive**, that is flagrant or glaring: **an egregious error**. It describes something outstandingly bad, not something merely **out of place**, so that option is the wrong meaning.

7. ***Vapid*** does NOT mean _____.
✓ **C) unpleasant**
Vapid means lifeless, dull or boring: lacking spirit, flavour or interest, as in **We had a vapid conversation about the weather.** Something vapid is flat rather than unpleasant, so **unpleasant** is the wrong meaning.

8. A ***crotchet*** is NOT _____.
✓ **A) a bad idea**
A **crotchet** is **an odd whim** or **a stubborn notion**: a peculiar, fixed idea, often held unreasonably. The adjective is **crotchety** (grumpy, eccentric). A crotchet is strange rather than simply **a bad idea**, so that option is the wrong meaning. (In British music, a crotchet is also a note, but that sense is not tested here.)

9. An ***epigraph*** is NOT _____.
✓ **C) something written on a gravestone**
An **epigraph** is **an inscription on a building** or statue, or **a quotation at the beginning of a book** or chapter. Words written on a gravestone are an **epitaph**, a word often confused with epigraph.

10. To ***expatiate*** does NOT mean _____.
✓ **B) to explain briefly**
To **expatiate** means **to elaborate** or **to go into detail**: to speak or write at length about a subject. **He expatiated on the history of the town. To explain briefly** is the opposite, so it is the wrong meaning.

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