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Explanations

1. The BLEACHING of fabrics by sunlight is at least partly a photochemical process.
✔ **D) whitening**
Bleaching means making something white or paler, often with chemicals or sunlight. So **bleaching** means **whitening**. Example: **The sun bleached the curtains.** Not **drying**: sunlight can dry fabric, but bleaching is about the colour, not the water.

2. Natural silk is obtained by UNRAVELLING the thin threads of the cocoons spun by the caterpillars of the silkworm moth.
✔ **D) unwinding**
To **unravel** threads means to separate them and pull them out of a tangled or wound shape. So **unravelling** means **unwinding**. Example: **She unwound the wool from the ball.** Not **undulating**, which means moving up and down like waves.

3. The man was CLAD IN a black suit and a grey felt hat.
✔ **D) wearing**
Clad in is a formal or literary phrase meaning dressed in. It describes the clothes a person has on, so it means **wearing**. Example: **a woman clad in white**.

4. Cotton CLOTH has been found among the ruins left by some early American Indians.
✔ **B) fabric**
Cloth is material made by weaving threads of cotton, wool, silk and so on. Another word for it is **fabric**. Not **clothing**: clothing means the things people wear, such as shirts and coats, not the material they are made from.

5. Linen could not be manufactured by machine until recently because the fibres break READILY under tension.
✔ **A) easily**
Readily means quickly and without difficulty, so here it means **easily**. The fibres break **easily** when they are pulled tight, so machines could not handle them. Not **unexpectedly**: the sentence describes how often or how easily the fibres break, not whether people expect it.

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