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Vocabulary Test About HOUSEHOLD CHORES Choose The Correct Answer MCQ Exercise 127

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Explanations

1. Her mother had asked her to do several _____ before she went out.
✔ **A) jobs**
We **do jobs**: small tasks, often around the house. **I've got a few jobs to do before dinner.** Not **works**, because **work** in this sense is uncountable, and **works** means factories or artistic creations.

2. We had _____ on the attic last weekend, and cleared out fifteen years' accumulation of odds and ends.
✔ **B) a blitz**
Informally, to **have a blitz on** something means to make a short, intense effort to clean or tidy it. **We had a blitz on the kitchen. Attack**, **invasion** and **raid** are not used in this fixed phrase.

3. There was a _____ of rubbish in the corner of the bedroom.
✔ **C) pile**
A **pile** is an untidy mass of things lying on top of each other: **a pile of rubbish**. Not **stack**, because a stack is neat and orderly, such as **a stack of plates**.

4. Mike picked up a _____ and went out to clear the snow away from the front of the house.
✔ **D) shovel**
A **shovel** is a tool with a wide blade for lifting and moving loose material such as snow, soil or coal. Not **rake**, because a rake has teeth and is used for collecting leaves or smoothing soil.

5. Do straighten that picture over the fireplace; it looks _____ from here.
✔ **B) crooked**
Crooked means not straight, or bent to one side. It is the usual word for a picture that is not hanging level: **Your tie is crooked.** Not **uneven**, which describes a surface that is not flat or smooth.

6. It was cold enough for a fire so Mr Obedient went off to _____ some wood.
✔ **B) chop**
To **chop wood** means to cut it into pieces with an axe, for example for a fire. Not **chip**, which means to break off a small piece accidentally, as in **I chipped a cup.**

7. The drunken couple did nothing to keep the flat clean and tidy and lived in the utmost _____.
✔ **D) squalor**
Squalor means very dirty, unpleasant living conditions, often caused by neglect. It collocates with **live in (the utmost) squalor**. Not **decay**, which is the gradual process of rotting or falling into ruin, not the dirty state of a home.

8. I just have a few household _____ to cope with and then I'll be able to rest.
✔ **C) chores**
Household chores are routine jobs in the home, such as washing up, ironing or vacuuming. Not **works**, because **household works** is not a natural collocation, and **assignments** are tasks given at school or work.

9. There must be something I can do to _____ breaking your favourite tea-pot.
✔ **C) make up for**
To **make up for** something means to compensate for a loss or mistake: **I bought her flowers to make up for forgetting her birthday.** Not **put up with**, which means to tolerate something unpleasant.

10. He has a (an) _____ habit of emptying ashtrays out of his window on to our doorstep.
✔ **A) disgusting**
Disgusting means extremely unpleasant, and it collocates naturally with **habit**: **a disgusting habit**. Not **offending**, which means 'causing the problem' (**the offending item**). The adjective for something unpleasant or rude is **offensive**.

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