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Explanations

1. Mario has now _____ to the point where his English is almost fluent.
✓ **A) advanced**
To **advance** means to make progress or move forward, and it is often used in **advance to the point where…**: **She has advanced to the point where she can read novels.** Not **reached**, because **reach** takes a direct object (**reached the point**), not **to**.

2. Pierre's _____ of the basic structures is good but his vocabulary is limited.
✓ **A) grasp**
A **grasp of** something is your understanding of it: **He has a good grasp of grammar. Grip** and **hold** describe physically holding something, and **seizure** means taking something by force or a sudden illness.

3. Some people think it is _____ to use long and little-known words.
✓ **A) clever**
Clever means intelligent, or showing intelligence. Here it describes how some people see the use of difficult words. **Skilled** describes a person who is good at a job (**a skilled worker**), not an action, so **it is skilled to…** is wrong.

4. There is a feature of dialect _____ to Bristol by which an "l" is added to the ends of some words.
✓ **C) peculiar**
Peculiar to means belonging only to one place, person or group: **This custom is peculiar to the north of England.** Not **partial to**, which means liking something: **I'm partial to chocolate.**

5. A role-play session is particularly useful in bringing together different _____ of teaching.
✓ **C) strands**
Strands are different parts or elements of an idea, plan or subject: **the different strands of the course**. **Cords**, **fibres** and **wires** are only used for physical things.

6. Cyril's understanding of the language is growing _____.
✓ **B) by leaps and bounds**
By leaps and bounds means very quickly: **Her confidence has grown by leaps and bounds. By hook or by crook** means 'by any possible method'. The phrase **slow but sure** is not used here; the correct form would be **slowly but surely**.

7. It's fifteen years since Timothy worked in Holland and his Dutch is pretty _____ now.
✓ **A) rusty**
A skill or language that is **rusty** is weaker than before because you have not used it for a long time: **My French is a bit rusty.** The clue is **fifteen years since**. **Stale** is used for old bread or ideas, not for skills.

8. The school's exam results _____ the headmaster.
✓ **B) delighted**
Delight someone means to make them very happy: **The news delighted her.** The other verbs have the person as subject: people **celebrate** or **enjoy** results and **rejoice at** them. The results cannot do this to the headmaster.

9. The Examination Syndicate was most impressed by the overseas student whose English was _____.
✓ **A) impeccable**
Impeccable means perfect, with no mistakes, and it collocates naturally with language and manners: **She speaks impeccable English. Irreproachable** is used for behaviour or character, **infallible** means never wrong (of people or methods), and **spotless** means completely clean.

10. It is _____ that students will have doubled their vocabulary in three months.
✓ **A) anticipated**
It is anticipated that… is a formal way to say 'people expect that…': **It is anticipated that prices will rise. Hope** and **worry** are in the wrong form, because a passive structure needs the past participle. **Foreseen** is rarely used in this pattern.

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