Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined bold word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. He wanted the best for his children - good schools, a nice house and trips **abroad**.
A. alone B. secretly C. widely D. overseas

2. The black clay soil around here doesn't **absorb** water very well.
A. consume B. renovate C. maintain D. purchase

3. We found that with **abstinence** from smoking, the severity of symptoms decreased.
A. absence B. avoidance C. sickness D. prescription

4. Lots of manual workers have been **made redundant** during the Covid-19 pandemic.
A. recruited B. promoted C. sacked D. improved

5. This debate is becoming too **abstract** - let's have some hard facts!
A. unavoidable B. intriguing C. invading D. abstruse

6. Don't be so **ridiculous**! I can't possibly afford to stay in a hotel like that.
A. sinful B. tragic C. absurd D. unpardonable

7. The booklet gives **sound** advice on how to choose a with-profits bond.
A. luxurious B. economical C. sensible D. miserable

8. The documentary **highlighted** systematic failings within the department.
A. emphasized B. distorted C. commemorated D. portrayed

9. The EU had decreed it was not **permissible** to charge female drivers less for insurance.
A. pretty high B. allowed C. reasonable D. wonderful

10. His drunken behavior at the wedding was **deplorable**.
A. intoxicated B. displayed C. delightful D. unacceptable

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