

I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Since the time of Nostradamus, meteorologists have been trying to (1) the mystery of climatic changes. Their (2) has been to be able to precisely (3) the weather for the days to come. In the past, meteorologists looked skywards to find hints in the clouds. At present, their eyes are (4) at the spots where the most intriguing climatic transformations (5) about, namely, the (6) depths of the oceans where swirls, whirlpools and waves (7) the patterns for the future weather.

The most efficient way of (8) hold of the everchanging map of the swirling currents circulating their heat around the planet is from space. Weather satellites (9) with complicated instruments examine the surface and the bottom of the oceans and determine the exact height of water. The impressive advantage offered by satellite scanning is that measurements can be (10) even in the most inaccessible parts of the oceans and can provide daily pictures of the water surface together with the (11) wave height and wind speed.

..... (12) being a priceless device for predicting climatic conditions for tourists, farmers or aviators, weather satellites also (13) advance warnings against storms or typhoons which (14) the coastal populations to (15) themselves against these destructive forces of nature.

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| 1. a) obviate | b) account | c) decipher | d) elaborate |
| 2. a) subject | b) objectivity | c) subjection | d) objective |
| 3. a) unravel | b) perceive | c) forecast | d) explore |
| 4. a) looked | b) directed | c) focused | d) applied |
| 5. a) come | b) turn | c) bring | d) get |
| 6. a) utmost | b) indefinite | c) terminal | d) ultimate |
| 7. a) accomplish | b) procure | c) generate | d) formulate |
| 8. a) getting | b) coming | c) finding | d) making |
| 9. a) equipped | b) delivered | c) supplemented | d) donated |
| 10. a) done | b) formed | c) fulfilled | d) taken |
| 11. a) calculated | b) amounted | c) scored | d) enumerated |
| 12. a) Besides | b) Apart | c) Otherwise | d) Whereby |
| 13. a) denote | b) proceed | c) emerge | d) issue |
| 14. a) entitle | b) entail | c) enable | d) enforce |
| 15. a) protect | b) ward | c) sustain | d) preserve |

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1. Richard the Third wasn't the only king who died battle.
2. Mr Bradley has had an alarm installed in his car fear of having it stolen.
3. If your diet is deficient vitamins and minerals, the risk of developing a serious disease is higher.
4. Our section has gained quite an independence the main branch since we are able to raise our own funds.
5. The scouts got very tired marching up the hill and asked for a good rest.
6. Why don't you send a message return of post? It will be delivered more quickly, then.
7. The manufacturer has assured us that his products always work properly, no matter how long they have been use.
8. We have recently directed our aims developing a prototype of an extremely economical vehicle.
9. You should be ashamed what you have done. Don't ever hit your brother again!
10. It wasn't at all easy for the European members of the expedition to get accustomed so hot and humid a climate of South America.
11. The Browns and their neighbours were examined at the police station in connection the burglaries in the district.
12. You should have asked Tom to instal the pipe in your bathroom. He is very clever every kind of manual work.
13. I did my best to be helpful planning the excursion, but they seemed to pay no attention to my remarks.
14. The fire brigade have earned a good deal of appreciation their great courage displayed in the rescue action.
15. After two months spent in the local hospital, Christine has recently recovered her bad injuries.