

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

A worrying question which (1) global attention is severe overpopulation and its drastic effects in the countries of the Third World. In regions where the birth (2) is extremely high, poverty and starvation are (3). In India, there is (4) of thirty five infants being born every minute, yet the most shocking (5) are those which (6) the enormous number of the victims of famine in certain African territories. Communities afflicted with acute destitution are additionally (7) with illiteracy, life in appalling conditions and infectious diseases (8) the (9) populations. There is an urgent need for these problems to be solved or (10) they might continue bringing about innumerable worries upon the affluent societies around the world. Unless measures are taken to (11) the suffering of the impoverished underdeveloped nations, desperate crowds of immigrants will (12) in flooding the richer states in (13) of a brighter future. It's the most (14) task for the international giants nowadays to help the poor populations get out of the poverty (15).

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| 1. a) insists | b) wishes | c) requires | d) asks |
| 2. a) amount | b) quota | c) number | d) rate |
| 3. a) profuse | b) rife | c) generous | d) predominant |
| 4. a) a ratio | b) a measure | c) an average | d) a proportion |
| 5. a) figures | b) digits | c) scores | d) totals |
| 6. a) appear | b) refer | c) indicate | d) comprise |
| 7. a) conflicted | b) encountered | c) confronted | d) inconvenienced |
| 8. a) decimating | b) enumerating | c) discounting | d) outnumbering |
| 9. a) ingenious | b) insidious | c) indigenous | d) ingenuous |
| 10. a) that | b) else | c) so | d) if |
| 11. a) discard | b) vanish | c) evaporate | d) ease |
| 12. a) linger | b) maintain | c) persist | d) remain |
| 13. a) search | b) chase | c) lookout | d) survey |
| 14. a) confronting | b) challenging | c) rousing | d) plaguing |
| 15. a) lure | b) pitfall | c) snare | d) trap |

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1. I thought paying cheque was preferable cash in some of the luxury hotels.
2. It's usually difficult to establish Patrick's whereabouts. He's constantly the move.
3. After lunch, we all would sit in front of the television expectation of our favourite TV series.
4. Stop smoking and give up fatty food just the sake of your own health.
5. The director went mad the couple who didn't come for the dress rehearsal on Friday.
6. Several representatives were opposed the government's resolutions, which led to a bitter dispute in the Parliament.
7. The longer you boil the meat, the more tender it gets. I know that my own experience.
8. 'Has the captain disembarked yet?' 'Oh no, he is still board.'
9. These pocket-size computer games seem to be favour with the children nowadays.
10. Mike's been considerable pressure recently; his boss has obliged him to do all the accounts by the end of this week.
11. Any failure to comply the regulations will result an instant dismissal.
12. If you give him more money, he will certainly find it use.
13. It hasn't been decided yet who is going to represent our country in the international competition. The whole matter is still consideration.
14. The escaped hostage found it hard to get used to a normal life after having been deprived freedom for so many years.
15. The police arrived immediately after the call and caught the burglar the spot.