

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

The problems of racial minorities (1) the headlines occasionally when one group or another (2) to (3) their protests against the oppressive treatment of their authorities. The native Indians have been living within the (4) of their reserves, the Australian Aborigines have a hard (5) of integrating with the descendants of the European colonizers and the African Movement keeps (6) its war against the concealed racial discrimination in America. There are also cultures and nations whose heritage and history has only remained alive (7) chronicles and museums. Vast numbers of indigenous populations have been slaughtered by merciless invaders or persecuted by acquisitive colonizers, then, (8) of their lands, rights and properties. Many of them have (9) with their oppressors to be finally (10) 'non-existent'.

One example of such a community is represented by the Ainu people - the original inhabitants of the Japanese Archipelago whose independent existence was ruined by an extremely rapid assimilation with the Japanese culture. The Ainu are believed to have possessed very distinct characteristics from those that (11) the Japanese people. Theirs was a light complexion and thick wavy hair as well as a totally isolated language. They adored many spirits (12) by natural phenomena like animals, plants or climatic forces. Once a year they would sacrifice a bear cub at a religious festival which was a sign of reverent (13) for the gods. Now, they are claimed to be no longer existent in their pure form.

By similar means, dozens of other cultures have (14) leaving behind only a trait of their (15) imprinted in the character of the societies that have absorbed them.

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| 1. a) fill | b) get | c) make | d) write |
| 2. a) pursues | b) resolves | c) undergoes | d) embarks |
| 3. a) place | b) stage | c) assure | d) expose |
| 4. a) boundaries | b) realms | c) margins | d) zones |
| 5. a) moment | b) spell | c) while | d) time |
| 6. a) deploying | b) engaging | c) waging | d) tackling |

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| 7. a) in lieu of | b) in the way of | c) by dint of | d) for the sake of |
| 8. a) evicted | b) ousted | c) removed | d) deprived |
| 9. a) intermingled | b) exchanged | c) intertwined | d) incorporated |
| 10. a) decided | b) nicknamed | c) presupposed | d) classified |
| 11. a) divulge | b) typify | c) relate | d) sport |
| 12. a) embodied | b) displayed | c) ingrained | d) defaced |
| 13. a) esteem | b) acclaim | c) worship | d) commitment |
| 14. a) extinguished | b) vanished | c) annihilated | d) eradicated |
| 15. a) legacy | b) heredity | c) remnant | d) heirloom |

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1. Irrespective the poor weather conditions the search for the missing child was continued.
2. Alice didn't know I would be spending the afternoon in the reading room. We only met there chance.
3. The poor parents were tenterhooks expecting the news from hospital.
4. George has promised to instruct us operating the system when he's in town.
5. No wonder she bungled the test as she was so much strain after her mother's death.
6. Your exceptional sense of duty is surely a feature to be praised
7. Arnold was ordered to dispose his heavy luggage and take only the most important items.
8. She doesn't need to be encouraged to try the Chinese menu. In fact, she's got a well-developed liking any kind of exotic cuisine.
9. I'd say his outlook life is rather strange. He doesn't work or take any interest establishing a family.
10. Everything should be ready by now. The presidential plane may be landing any moment.
11. It looks as if they all have been favour of the Republican candidate for a long time. I wonder what makes them cherish him so much.
12. I'm very sorry Nick, but you cannot watch the film. You are still age.
13. It's not sensible to think that all offenders are devoid human feelings. Some of them turn out to be very sensitive people if you get to know them better.

14. Her function in the unit isn't essential, but the other hand, we wouldn't manage without her.
15. Both the testimonies are completely different. I'm afraid we are in for a lot of trouble to establish which of the witnesses is the right.