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## Direction:

The following questions, you have several passages where some of the words have been left out. Read the passages carefully and choose the **correct** answer to each **blanks with its particular number**, out of the five alternatives.

## PASSAGE

Although the European Union is in the midst of an economic recovery, long-term unemployment – joblessness and job-seeking that lasts at least a year – \_\_\_\_\_(1)\_\_\_\_\_ stubbornly high in many of the countries that were hardest hit by the 2008 financial crisis and its aftermath. Unfortunately, the European Commission's proposals for addressing the problem are in many cases \_\_\_\_\_(2)\_\_\_\_\_. Europe needs far more \_\_\_\_\_(3)\_\_\_\_\_ labor-market policies to spur job creation and reduce long-term unemployment, which can be particularly \_\_\_\_\_(4)\_\_\_\_\_ for society. As we have seen, unemployment has been an important factor in the rise of populist parties that are now threatening social \_\_\_\_\_(5)\_\_\_\_\_, democracy, and the rule of law in Europe. According to Eurostat, the statistical arm of the European Commission, ten million people across the EU's 28 member states were suffering from long-term unemployment in 2016.

Of these, around eight million are in the eurozone, and more than a quarter are 50 and over. For young people, a university education or \_\_\_\_\_(6)\_\_\_\_\_ training can insure against long-term unemployment, at least when sufficient jobs are available. But for people who are 50 or older, the termination of a work contract all too often leads to \_\_\_\_\_(7)\_\_\_\_\_ joblessness. For example, among unemployed Europeans 50 and over, 60.3% have been unemployed for more than a year; but for all unemployed Europeans of working age, that number falls significantly, to 46.6%. Behind these statistics are individual stories of personal tragedy, self-doubt, \_\_\_\_\_(8)\_\_\_\_\_, and lost faith in society. Consider the case of a 53-year-old chief IT officer with a doctorate who was laid off from a medium-size Austrian company. While unemployed, he sent out hundreds of job applications. But on the few \_\_\_\_\_(9)\_\_\_\_\_ when he was called in for an interview, employers first told him he was "too expensive" or "overqualified." Discrimination based on age, though illegal in the EU, is a routine \_\_\_\_\_(10)\_\_\_\_\_. The fact is that the labor market does not work properly for prospective workers at the end of their prime years. But that needs to change if we are going to restore trust in our political system. Those who are willing and able to work deserve support so that they do not end up permanently excluded from opportunities to do so.

**Q1.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap (1)?

a) endure

- b) abide
  - c) shatterable
  - d) remains
  - e) cease
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**Q2.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap **(2)**?

- a) depart
  - b) adequate
  - c) ample
  - d) shivery
  - e) insufficient
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**Q3.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap **(3)**?

- a) infirm
  - b) sufficient
  - c) innovative
  - d) friable
  - e) inconsistency
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**Q4.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap **(4)**?

- a) customary
- b) destabilizing
- c) traditional
- d) incongruity
- e) crumbly

**Q5.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap **(5)**?

- a) cohesion
  - b) uncreative
  - c) fracturable
  - d) erraticism
  - e) encapsulate
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**Q6.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap **(6)**?

- a) decrepit
  - b) variation
  - c) condense
  - d) vocational
  - e) compress
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**Q7.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap **(7)**?

- a) brittle
  - b) prolonged
  - c) abridge
  - d) abstract
  - e) reconciliation
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**Q8.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap **(8)**?

- a) outcome
- b) despair

- c) prune
  - d) variable
  - e) pare
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**Q9.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap (9)?

- a) summarize
  - b) sporadic
  - c) declaration
  - d) occasions
  - e) constant
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**Q10.** Which of the following words exactly fits gap (10)?

- a) continual
  - b) occurrence
  - c) compromise
  - d) arbitration
  - e) accommodation
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Economic backwardness of a region is \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ by the co-existence of unutilized or underutilized \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ on the one hand, and \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ natural resources, on the other. Economic development essentially means a process of \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ change whereby the real per capita income of an economy \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ over a period of time. Then, a simple but meaningful question arises: what causes economic development? Or what makes a country developed? This question has absorbed the \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ of scholars of socio-economic change for decades. Going through the \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ history of developed countries like America, Russia and Japan, man is essentially found as \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ in the process of

economic development. Japan, whose economy was \_\_\_\_**(9)**\_\_\_\_ damaged from the ravages of the Second World War, is the clearest example of our time to \_\_\_\_**(10)**\_\_\_\_ kingpin role in economic development.

**Q11.** Which of the following words fits gap **(1)**?

- a) developed
- b) cured
- c) improved
- d) enhanced
- e) characterized

**Q12.** Which of the following words fits gap **(2)**?

- a) sources
- b) finances
- c) funds
- d) manpower
- e) industries

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**Q13.** Which of the following words fits gap **(3)**?

- a) exhaustive
- b) unexploited
- c) abundant
- d) indefinite
- e) unreliable

**Q14.** Which of the following words fits gap (4)?

- a) upward
  - b) drastic
  - c) negligible
  - d) incredible
  - e) sudden
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**Q15.** Which of the following words fits gap (5)?

- a) diminishes
  - b) degenerates
  - c) increases
  - d) succumbs
  - e) stabilizes
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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (d)**

remains – the parts left over after other parts have been removed, used, or destroyed.

**Q2. Answer: (e)**

insufficient – not enough; inadequate.

**Q3. Answer: (c)**

innovative – (of a product, idea, etc.) featuring new methods; advanced and original.

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**Q4. Answer: (b)**

destabilizing – upset the stability of (a region or system); cause unrest or instability in.

**Q5. Answer: (a)**

cohesion – relating to an occupation or employment.

**Q6. Answer: (d)**

vocational – relating to an occupation or employment.

**Q7. Answer: (b)**

prolonged – continuing for a long time or longer than usual; lengthy.

**Q8. Answer: (b)**

despair – the complete loss or absence of hope.

**Q9. Answer: (d)**

occasions – a particular event, or the time at which it takes place.

**Q10. Answer: (b)**

occurrence – an incident or event

**Q11. Answer: (e)**

**Q12. Answer: (d)**

**Q13. Answer: (b)**

**Q14. Answer: (b)**

**Q15. Answer: (c)**

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