**In the following passage, at certain points you are given a choice of four words one of which fits the meaning of the passage. Click on the option which you think is most suitable at the point. You can change the option to know correct answer. Press the reset button to try again.**

The Second Anglo-Maratha War had shattered the 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Maratha chiefs, but not their spirit. The 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their freedom rankled in their hearts. They made a last 3.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attempt to regain their independence and old 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1817. The lead in organizing a united front of the Maratha chiefs was taken by the Peshwa who was smarting under the 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ control exercised by the British Resident. But Elphinstone, British Resident at Pune, 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Peshwa to sign the treaty of Poona in June 1817. The Peshwa 7.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his claim as the Peshwa. Lord Hastings also compelled Daulatrao Sindhia to 8.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the treaty of Gwalior in November 1817. 9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had Scindia signed the treaty of Gwalior when the Peshwa Bajirao II attacked the British at Kirki, near Pune. The British forces 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and occupied Pune.

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| 1.   1. **power** 2. dignity 3. time 4. patience | 2.   1. disappearance 2. empowerment 3. **loss** 4. disappointment | 3.   1. horrible 2. **desperate** 3. poor 4. strong | 4.   1. **prestige** 2. army 3. rebellion 4. infantry |
| 5.   1. pleasant 2. satisfying 3. **rigid** 4. orthodox | 6.   1. **compelled** 2. complied 3. considered 4. called | 7.   1. resigned 2. retreated 3. **renounced** 4. remembered | 8.   1. certify 2. exclude 3. include 4. **conclude** |
| 9.   1. **Hardly** 2. Rarely 3. Never 4. Once | 10.   1. retreated 2. **retaliated** 3. revenged 4. restricted |  |  |

**Fill the blanks with suitable answers**

11. Very much is known about the philosopher Descartes; however, while drawing from his singular writing style, it is often difficult to\_\_\_\_\_\_ some of his finer \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. categorize...details
2. appreciate...thoughts
3. **grasp...points**
4. understand...lectures
5. value...lessons

12. Despite the increased time most people have \_\_\_\_\_\_ the internet, there has been a \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the popularity of several television shows.

1. spent on...decline
2. given to...dip
3. devoted to...growth
4. **allotted to...rise**
5. taken from...fluctuation

13. Most politicians are \_\_\_\_\_\_ to admit the benefits of increased campaign funding; likewise, most voters are unwilling to \_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

1. scared...see
2. ready...acknowledge
3. **reluctant...expose**
4. silly...denounce
5. hesitant...outlaw

14. The prospect of atmospheric reentry was \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the crew of Apollo 13, yet they managed to \_\_\_\_\_\_ this obstacle and perform a successful oceanic landing.

1. poor...circumvent
2. **unlikely...overcome**
3. probable...subvert
4. uncertain...detect
5. doubtful...identify

15. Since Justin had already attempted to persuade his parents to buy him a new pet several times in the past, he \_\_\_\_\_\_ himself to playing with his old dog, Max.

1. relegated
2. relinquished
3. **resigned**
4. reconciled
5. compromised