

I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

In today's busy world of sports competition the *inborn* (1) *talent* (2) for running fast or jumping high isn't *enough* (3) to get to the top. The extraordinary relationship between training techniques and technological *advancement* (4) has prompted revolutionary changes in the field of athletics as well as in the other variety of sports disciplines. The close cooperation between science and sportsmen themselves has provided a fresh *inspiration* (5) aimed at helping the athletes to advance their performance. The *complicated* (6) mechanisms of the human body are scrutinized in laboratories where competitors are welcomed to act as useful consultants whose *skill* (7) cannot be imitated by even the most sophisticated computer programs.

The remarkable development in sports achievements has been *initiated* (8) and led by the sports equipment designers - the shoe manufacturers in particular. This fresh scientific approach and the impressive collaboration between technology and competitors have *stimulated* (9) a dramatic progress in attaining record results. Whereas the average weight of a sports shoe two decades ago amounted to 320 grammes, today its *equivalent* (10) is about fifty per cent lighter. In consequence, sportsmen like marathon runners can cover long distances much faster than they did a hundred years earlier.

But it's not only the professional competitors that have benefited from the astounding *breakthrough* (11) in the sports equipment technologies. Amateur joggers and keep-fit *enthusiasts* (12) can also take tremendous advantage of the *enormous* (13) changes in the science of sport. The expectations and *tastes* (14) of casual sportsmen are also running high for the foot gear and other accessories to guarantee *maximum* (15) comfort and a betterment in performance.

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| 1. a) incorporated | b) interior | c) inherent | d) inward |
| 2. a) aptitude | b) scholarship | c) proficiency | d) flexibility |
| 3. a) profuse | b) superfluous | c) sufficient | d) ample |
| 4. a) handicap | b) footmark | c) backlog | d) headway |
| 5. a) novelty | b) fancy | c) incentive | d) bias |
| 6. a) intricate | b) erroneous | c) implicit | d) cumbersome |

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| 7. a) craftsmanship | b) expertise | c) insight | d) ambivalence |
| 8. a) cropped up | b) spurred on | c) sparked off | d) jotted down |
| 9. a) released | b) enhanced | c) invalidated | d) amplified |
| 10. a) counterpart | b) successor | c) alternative | d) heir |
| 11. a) bench mark | b) flash point | c) quantum leap | d) master stroke |
| 12. a) envoys | b) disciples | c) apprentices | d) zealots |
| 13. a) generous | b) fabulous | c) prodigious | d) arduous |
| 14. a) preferences | b) tendencies | c) prerequisites | d) specifications |
| 15. a) superlative | b) invincible | c) primary | d) ultimate |

II. Put the words in the correct form.

- Paul has gained a lot of favour with the girls from his class who are enchanted with his most (COURT) manners.
- It's usually hard to guess when the earthquake may strike and the extent of the destruction is not (PREDICT) , either
- 'Have you got any proof of the (OWN) of this vehicle, sir?'
'Of course I have. Will the registration card do?'
- Even the deployment of the peacekeeping troops couldn't prevent another (BREAK) of heavy fighting in the trouble spot.
- The monthly (INSTAL) that we have to pay for the furniture amount to £35.
- It was the commander who ordered the complete (ABANDON) of the aircraft carrier after it was heavily hit by the enemy's torpedoes.
- The population of the partridge is (COMPARE) small in this region considering that no shooting of these birds has been allowed since 1988.
- Mr Higgins' outstanding merits in the field of embriology are (DISPUTE).
- Will it ever be possible for the human race to reach the extreme (BOUND) of the universe?
- Eric has been studying (ENGINE) and hopes to make a good technical designer in the future.
- The Court of Justice has rejected all the (ALLEGE) against Mrs Stacey on the grounds of insufficient evidence.