

# C1

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

## DRIVING FROM BEIJING TO PARIS



“Every journey begins with a single step.” We might (1) \_\_\_\_\_ this proverb for the 16,000 km Beijing to Paris car rally, and say that every rally begins with a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the wheel. From China, several hundred courageous men and women will (3) \_\_\_\_\_ out for Paris in pursuit of what, for many, is likely to prove an impossible (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Everybody is prepared for the worst and expects a high drop-out (5) \_\_\_\_\_, especially on the rally’s difficult first (6) \_\_\_\_\_ across central China and over the high mountain (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Himalayas. “If twenty-five cars (8) \_\_\_\_\_ it to Paris, we’ll be doing well,” says Philip Young, the rally organiser.

Now planned as an annual event, the first Beijing-Paris car rally took place in 1907. It was won by Prince Borghese, an Italian adventurer, who crossed the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ line just a few metres (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the only other car to complete the race. Nowadays, not many people know about Prince Borghese, but at the time his achievement was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ as comparable to that of Marco Polo, who travelled from Venice to China in the thirteenth century.

According to the (12) \_\_\_\_\_, all the cars in the rally must be more than thirty years old, which means that the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ roads and high altitude are a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ test of both the cars and the drivers. A sense of adventure is essential. One driver said, “Our (15) \_\_\_\_\_ is to have a good time, enjoy the experience and the magnificent scenery – and the adventure of a lifetime.”

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| 1. A) adapt      | B) moderate    | C) improve    | D) form      |
| 2. A) revolution | B) circle      | C) rotation   | D) turn      |
| 3. A) head       | B) move        | C) set        | D) try       |
| 4. A) vision     | B) fantasy     | C) hope       | D) dream     |
| 5. A) rate       | B) number      | C) speed      | D) frequency |
| 6. A) period     | B) stage       | C) time       | D) round     |
| 7. A) crossings  | B) passes      | C) directions | D) passages  |
| 8. A) get        | B) take        | C) have       | D) make      |
| 9. A) closing    | B) final       | C) ending     | D) finishing |
| 10. A) forward   | B) ahead       | C) front      | D) advance   |
| 11. A) thought   | B) referred    | C) regarded   | D) noted     |
| 12. A) orders    | B) rules       | C) laws       | D) customs   |
| 13. A) crude     | B) undeveloped | C) broken     | D) rough     |
| 14. A) firm      | B) strict      | C) severe     | D) grave     |
| 15. A) aim       | B) target      | C) proposal   | D) intent    |

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