A- WRITE THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE GAPS.

TEA TRADE, LONDON

The London Tea Trade Centre is on the north (0) ..... (bank/ border/ shore/ coast) of the River Thames. It is the centre of an industry of (1) ..... (high/ wide/ great/ large) importance in the (2)..... (common/ typical/ everyday/ usual) lives of the British. Tea is without (3)..... (doubt/ dispute/ disbelief/ uncertainly) the British national drink: every man, woman and child over ten years of age has (4) ..... (for/ by/ at/ on) average over four cups a day or some 1500 cups annually. Some thirty per cent of the world's exports of tea makes its (5)..... (route/ way/ direction/ journey) to London. Britain is (6)..... (considerably/ by far/ largely/ by much) the largest importer of tea in the world.

Samples of the vast amounts of tea brought into the country to (7)..... (satisfy/ match/ answer/ serve) the national thirst go to the London Tea Trade Centre, where they are tasted by (8)..... (effective/ skilled/ developed/ handy) professional tea tasters before being sold at each week's tea sale. It is fascinating to see them at (9)..... (action/ operation/ practice/ work). Over a hundred samples are (10)..... (composed/ put up/ settled/ laid out) in a line on long tables. Teas are generally tasted with milk, (11)..... (out of/ since/ so/ owing to) that is how the majority in Britain drink their tea. The tasters move down the line with surprising (12)..... (speed/ hurry/ rush/ dash) tasting each sample from a spoon and deciding what is a (13)..... (fine/ right/ fair/ deserved) price for each tea.

The types of tea that are popular in Britain are (14)..... (roughly/ comparatively/ slightly/ approximately) inexpensive but they are of a very high quality. The best are delicate (15)..... (mixtures/ associations/ unions/ gatherings) of numerous teas from different sources and countries of origin.

It's all in the {Attitude}

B- WRITE THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE GAPS.

AN UNEXPECTED POET

A British job hunter has succeeded in winning himself employment as national poet for a (0).....(pack/ set / group/ batch) of sun-drenched islands in the South Pacific. George Potts, aged 21, wrote to the government of the Kiribatis (1).....(proposing/ applying/ aiming/ attempting) himself as their national poet. (2) .....(For/ At/ With/ To) his astonishment, they promptly wrote back to say: "The job is yours.'

George said later, 'I have always enjoyed playing with words and I was thinking about trying to (3).....(take/ combine/ share/ add) that interest with the perfect place to work. I was looking (4).....(over/ up/ through/ into) a travel magazine in a dentist's waiting room when I saw this picture of a beautiful white sandy beach. I made up my (5)..... (mind/ decision/ view/ conclusion) that this was the place for me and I sent a letter (6)..... (marked/ addressed/ indicated/ expressed) to the government of the islands, not knowing whether there even was (7)..... (such/ just/ as/ like) a thing. I included my CV and a poem about the place, (8).....(in spite of/ even though/ apart from/ on account of) I knew next to nothing about it.'

George (9) .....(recognised/ admitted/ consented/ assured) that he had never expected a response, let alone a job offer. 'I was amazed when the letter dropped through my front door. It came from the private secretary to the President and it (10) .....(praised / admired/ honoured/ congratulated) me on my poem. The letter said they would be delighted to (11)..... (appoint/ select/ establish/ install) me to the post of national poet. It also said they could (12) .....(provide/ arrange/ serve/ organise) to have a hut built for me when I arrive.' There are a few details (13) .....(over/ furthermore/ yet/ along) to be decided. 'I don't know what my salary will be,' Daniel said. 'But nothing will (14).....(avoid/ refuse/ keep/ resist) me from going there. I am already (15) .....(raising/ storing/ gathering/ saving) for the fare and I will be there this summer.'