(H) *Choose a word from the box to fit in each gap below. You should use each word once only.*

intangible	gagging	nest	learning	labour
insider	golden	passing	sleeping	inheritance
hyper	pyramid	majority	hush	stamp

1. It is a steep _____ curve, but you are expected to climb it without someone having to hold your hand all the way; you must be quick to catch on to succeed in this company.
2. The job was quite _____ intensive, which is what brought the cost up from the original estimate.
3. He was paid some _____ money in return for his public silence on the issue of who the child's mother was.
4. He invested in the company as a _____ partner, leaving the running of the business entirely in the hands of the other owners.
5. It was exposed as a _____ scheme and he was arrested on the charge of misappropriating some £6 million in total.
6. The _____ trade in this area is quite strong, which is just as well because there is not enough local business to sustain a service station round here.
7. He had built up a considerable _____ egg for himself by the time of his retirement.
8. The couple were exempt from paying _____ duty on their house purchase as the home's value did not exceed the threshold of £250,000.
9. He strongly refutes the charge of _____ trading and claims that he is a victim of his own success.
10. The judge issued a _____ order to prevent the witness releasing a statement to the press.
11. He secured a _____ interest in the company when his brother died as the latter's shares passed to him.
12. He was given a _____ handshake to ensure that he would leave his post without incident.
13. Naturally, you will be liable for _____ tax if you stand to gain to the tune of £1 million or more from the proceeds of your father's will.
14. The phenomenon of _____ inflation is seldom an issue outside of wartime, during which it is nearly impossible to avoid.
15. Goodwill is one of the most significant _____ assets found on this company's balance sheet.

(I) *Match the following words/phrases in* ***Column A*** *with the words/phrases of similar meaning in* ***Column B****.*

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) tycoon		**(i)** bonanza
(b) windfall		**(ii)** dole
(c) sabbatical		**(iii)** self-employed
(d) donor		**(iv)** pension
(e) outlay		**(v)** insolvent
(f) bankrupt		**(vi)** expenditure
(g) speculator		**(vii)** working class
(h) blue-collar		**(viii)** magnate
(i) sole trader		**(ix)** benefactor
(j) annuity		**(x)** market player
(k) unemployment benefit		**(xi)** leave of absence

Now complete the sentences below using words/phrases from ***Column B****. You will not need to use all the words/phrases.*

1. He has been drawing the _____ for well over a year now so his employment prospects must surely be diminishing by the day.
2. The Russian oil _____ has bought a majority share in another of the Premiership's top football clubs.
3. _____ has exceeded income for the third successive quarter - soon we will have serious cash-flow issues.
4. She has taken a _____ in order to spend some time caring for her terminally ill partner.
5. This quarter has been a(n) _____ one for new-car sales, which have risen by 25%.
6. If the company is _____ as you speculate then it is only a matter of time before it will miss one of its repayments.

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