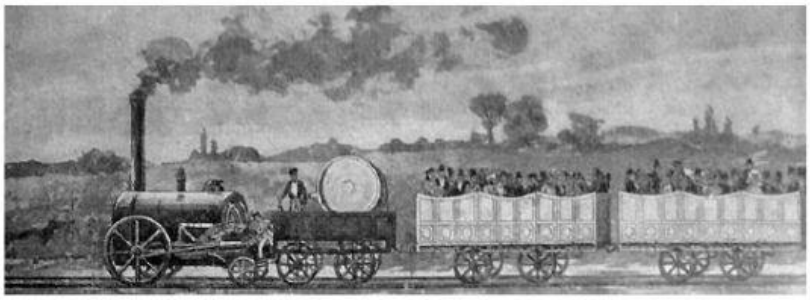
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Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

THE EARLY RAILWAY IN BRITAIN



In 1830, there were under 100 miles of public railway in Britain. Yet within 20 years, this figure had grown to more than 5,000. By the end of the century, almost enough rail track to **(1)** _____ the world covered this small island, **(2)** _____ the nature of travel for ever and contributing to the industrial revolution that changed the **(3)** _____ of history in many parts of the world.

Wherever railways were introduced, economic and social progress quickly **(4)** _____. In a single day, rail passengers could travel hundreds of miles, **(5)** _____ previous journey times by huge margins and bringing rapid travel within the **(6)** _____ of ordinary people. Previously, many people had never ventured **(7)** _____ the outskirts of their towns and villages. The railway brought them **(8)** _____ freedom and enlightenment.

In the 19th century, the railway in Britain **(9)** _____ something more than just the business of carrying goods and passengers. Trains were associated with romance, adventure and, frequently, **(10)** _____ luxury. The great steam locomotives that thundered across the land were the jet airlines of their **(11)** _____, carrying passengers in comfort over vast distances in unimaginably short times. But the railways **(12)** _____ more than revolutionise travel; they also **(13)** _____ a distinctive and permanent mark on the British landscape. Whole towns and industrial centres **(14)** _____ up around major rail junctions, monumental bridges and viaducts crossed rivers and valleys and the railway stations themselves became **(15)** _____ places to spend time between journeys.

1.	A) revolve	B) enclose	C) encircle	D) orbit
2.	A) altering	B) amending	C) adapting	D) adjusting
3.	A) route	B) way	C) line	D) course
4.	A) pursued	B) followed	C) succeeded	D) chased
5.	A) cancelling	B) subtracting	C) cutting	D) abolishing
6.	A) reach	B) capacity	C) facility	D) hold
7.	A) further	B) over	C) beyond	D) above
8.	A) larger	B) higher	C) bigger	D) greater
9.	A) served	B) functioned	C) represented	D) performed
10.	A) considerable	B) generous	C) plentiful	D) sizeable
11.	A) date	B) stage	C) day	D) phase
12.	A) caused	B) did	C) produced	D) turned
13.	A) laid	B) set	C) settled	D) left
14.	A) jumped	B) stood	C) burst	D) sprang
15.	A) preferable	B) liked	C) desirable	D) wanted

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