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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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