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

SHOPLIFTING



Last year, losses from shops through shoplifting and theft by staff amounted to over £1 billion. There are many **(1)** _____ for shopkeepers themselves to reduce shoplifting. As with all types of crime, prevention is better than **(2)** _____. The best deterrent is the **(3)** _____ of staff properly trained in how to identify potential shoplifters. There are also many security **(4)** _____ now available. Video camera surveillance is a popular system, even with quite small retailers. In clothes shops, magnetic tag marking systems that set off an alarm have proved their **(5)** _____. However, there are many **(6)** _____ measures that retailers should consider. Better lighting and ceiling-hung mirrors can help staff to **(7)** _____ all parts of the display area. Similarly, simply arranging shelves and display units to allow clear **(8)** _____ of vision is a good deterrent.

Another problem for retailers is the **(9)** _____ of stolen credit cards to buy goods and services. Many retailers avoid this by always checking the **(10)** _____ of a card used for purchase. Electronic systems are now available to **(11)** _____ up the procedure.

Most companies keep a petty **(12)** _____ box for small expenses- They are a popular **(13)** _____ for thieves. It is not enough to have a box that locks. A thief can steal it and then open it at leisure. Lock it in a drawer as well. Telephones, typewriters, word processors and computers are also vulnerable because they are **(14)** _____. Property marking is a good deterrent and helps the police return stolen goods if they are **(15)** _____. And remember that in many businesses information is valuable to competitors and should be protected.

1.	A) opportunities	B) schemes	C) ideas	D) occasions
2.	A) remedy	B) loss	C) cure	D) conviction
3.	A) knowledge	B) presence	C) number	D) importance
4.	A) devices	B) methods	C) tricks	D) machines
5.	A) reliability	B) worth	C) valuation	D) identity
6.	A) better	B) easier	C) simpler	D) bigger
7.	A) notice	B) watch	C) control	D) regard
8.	A) fields	B) areas	C) systems	D) angles
9.	A) employment	B) application	C) technique	D) use
10.	A) honesty	B) forgery	C) validity	D) value
11.	A) speed	B) check	C) take	D) key
12.	A) money	B) bank	C) saving	D) cash
13.	A) robbery	B) target	C) aim	D) object
14.	A) portable	B) expensive	C) stolen	D) attractive
15.	A) reported	B) known	C) revealed	D) traced

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