Extra Training

Use of English
Task 2177

Choose the correct item.

SHOPPING IN JAPAN

Unlike millions of Britons, who will not know how much the Christmas turkey, child's bicycle and the January sales have (1)_____ them until the credit card bill arrives, the Japanese (2) _____ to settle up before they've even (3) _____ their shopping list.

The Japanese like to improve on every idea, even if the idea is cash. So they have been (4) _____ about the pre-paid card. It (5) _____ the bother of banknotes and it saves the Japanese (6) _____ the fear of being in (7) _____ to someone else. It (8) _____ with the convenient pre-paid telephone card and has (9) _____ through train ticket cards, taxi cards, and supermarket cards all the way to McDonald's hamburgers cards.

Few Westerners can understand why anyone (10) _____ want to give money to a supermarket or a department store (11) _____ by buying a pre-paid card. But credit companies are held in some suspicion in Japan. People have traditionally preferred cash and will happily stroll the streets with quite large (12) _____ of money in their pockets. The fact that street crime is fairly (13) _____ helps. Pre-paid cards are now as (14) _____ as chopsticks and twice as convenient. About 500 million cards were sold in the first five years after they became (15) _____.

1.	**1.** priced	**2.** cost	**3.** charged	**4.** lost
2.	**1.** select	**2.** prefer	**3.** enjoy	**4.** desire
3.	**1.** written out	**2.** written up	**3.** written off	**4.** written about
4.	**1.** eager	**2.** keen	**3.** enthusiastic	**4.** exciting
5.	**1.** does out	**2.** does out of	**3.** does without	**4.** does away with
6.	**1.** by	**2.** for	**3.** from	**4.** of
7.	**1.** debt	**2.** bill	**3.** interest	**4.** payment
8.	**1.** invented	**2.** opened	**3.** started	**4.** introduced
9.	**1.** turned	**2.** changed	**3.** followed	**4.** developed
10.	**1.** will	**2.** would	**3.** may	**4.** must
11.	**1.** in time	**2.** in front	**3.** in future	**4.** in advance
12.	**1.** sums	**2.** savings	**3.** deposits	**4.** masses
13.	**1.** slow	**2.** rare	**3.** slight	**4.** seldom
14.	**1.** often	**2.** usual	**3** regular.	**4.** common
15.	**1.** ready	**2.** prepared	**3.** available	**4.** possible



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