**Vocabulary (20 points)**

*Circle the correct option*.

1. The Bank of England has again **raised / rose / lowered / grown** interest rates; this time from 4,5% to 5%.
2. The government has announced the inflation is **raising / rose / rising / grow** by 2.1 percent a month.
3. Now that more e-books are available, interest in e-readers and tablets is **falling / growing / dropping / raising**.
4. Unfortunately, demand for our products **rose / fell / grew / raised** a little last year. We're hoping for a better year this year.
5. They offered us very favorable terms and **lowered / raised / fell / rose** the price form $50,000 to $45,000.

*Match the words with their definitions.*

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| 6. Bull market | a. Very modern and using the most recent ideas and methods |
| 7. Trend | b. To reach a decision or an agreement about something |
| 8. State-of-the-art | c. A time when prices of most shares are rising |
| 9. Settle | d. To go down to a lower level |
| 10. Dip | e. The general direction of changes or developments |

*Complete the sentences with a suitable word.*

11. **S**_____ will be voting on the proposed merger of the companies next week. (people who own parts of a company)
12. You can't expect to make much **p**_____ within the first couple of years of setting up a company
13. The board of the company proposed a special **d**_____ of 25.0 pence per share. (a payment by a company to the people who own shares)
14. They will get a better price if they sell the restaurant as **g**_____ _____ rather than closing it down. (when a company is sold while it is operating normally)
15. In a **b**_____ of security, unauthorized people were able to access the company intranet. (an act of breaking a law or rule)
16. They said they acted strictly in accordance with the safety **r**_____ of the company. (rules used to control an activity or process).