Reason & result

1 Join the first part of a sentence in the left-hand column with a second part from the right-hand column, using an appropriate word or phrase showing reason or result from the central column. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

1. The police asked him his...	...ensued...	...pass his exams.
2. He failed his exam...	...effects of...	...wake anyone.
3. A persistent cough...	...prompted him to...	...was unable to enrol for the course.
4. She started haranguing the crowd...	...as a consequence...	...speeding through the town.
5. He spent the whole weekend revising...	...affect...	...upsetting me like that?
6. They came in quietly...	...owing to...	...his lack of revision.
7. He refused to lend anyone money...	...reason for...	...starting a riot.
8. The bank manager refused to lend the company more money...	...on the grounds that...	...its low turnover and poor sales history.
9. The school was forced to close...	...so as not to...	...its action.
10. What were your...	...with the aim of...	...when the police officers on trial were acquitted.
11. What are the...	...in order to...	...a large earthquake?
12. Stress and overwork can...	...consequences of...	...people rarely repay a loan.
13. The army attacked without considering the...	...motives for...	...seek professional medical help.
14. He failed to send off his application form and...	...due to...	...different people in different ways.
15. Riots and street fighting...		...poor student attendance.

2 Now complete these sentences with an appropriate word or phrase from the central column of the table above.

1. Panic buying ..... when the stock market crashed.
2. People often do things without considering the ..... their actions.
3. The government raised the income tax rate ..... curb inflation.
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5. The government raised the income tax rate ..... the rapidly rising rate of inflation.
6. When questioned, many racists cannot give a logical ..... their attitudes towards other racial groups.
7. The soaring crime rate alarmed the police superintendent and ..... adopt a zero-tolerance policing policy.
8. He was arrested ..... he was a danger to others and himself.
9. The family was forced to economise ..... go heavily into debt.
10. The fumes from motor traffic ..... people in many different ways.

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