

(H) Choose a word from the box to fit in each gap below. You should use each word once only.

intangible	gagging	nest	learning	labour
insider	golden	passing	sleeping	inheritance
hyper	pyramid	majority	hush	stamp

- It is a steep _____ curve, but you are expected to climb it without someone having to hold your hand all the way; you must be quick to catch on to succeed in this company.
- The job was quite _____ intensive, which is what brought the cost up from the original estimate.
- He was paid some _____ money in return for his public silence on the issue of who the child's mother was.
- He invested in the company as a _____ partner, leaving the running of the business entirely in the hands of the other owners.
- It was exposed as a _____ scheme and he was arrested on the charge of misappropriating some £6 million in total.
- The _____ trade in this area is quite strong, which is just as well because there is not enough local business to sustain a service station round here.
- He had built up a considerable _____ egg for himself by the time of his retirement.
- The couple were exempt from paying _____ duty on their house purchase as the home's value did not exceed the threshold of £250,000.
- He strongly refutes the charge of _____ trading and claims that he is a victim of his own success.
- The judge issued a _____ order to prevent the witness releasing a statement to the press.
- He secured a _____ interest in the company when his brother died as the latter's shares passed to him.
- He was given a _____ handshake to ensure that he would leave his post without incident.
- Naturally, you will be liable for _____ tax if you stand to gain to the tune of £1 million or more from the proceeds of your father's will.
- The phenomenon of _____ inflation is seldom an issue outside of wartime, during which it is nearly impossible to avoid.
- Goodwill is one of the most significant _____ assets found on this company's balance sheet.

(I) Match the following words/phrases in **Column A** with the words/phrases of similar meaning in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) tycoon		(i) bonanza
(b) windfall		(ii) dole
(c) sabbatical		(iii) self-employed
(d) donor		(iv) pension
(e) outlay		(v) insolvent
(f) bankrupt		(vi) expenditure
(g) speculator		(vii) working class
(h) blue-collar		(viii) magnate
(i) sole trader		(ix) benefactor
(j) annuity		(x) market player
(k) unemployment benefit		(xi) leave of absence

Now complete the sentences below using words/phrases from **Column B**. You will not need to use all the words/phrases.

- He has been drawing the _____ for well over a year now so his employment prospects must surely be diminishing by the day.
- The Russian oil _____ has bought a majority share in another of the Premiership's top football clubs.
- _____ has exceeded income for the third successive quarter - soon we will have serious cash-flow issues.
- She has taken a _____ in order to spend some time caring for her terminally ill partner.
- This quarter has been a(n) _____ one for new-car sales, which have risen by 25%.
- If the company is _____ as you speculate then it is only a matter of time before it will miss one of its repayments.