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

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING



One of the most difficult but priceless of pastimes is the sport of mountain climbing. Mountain climbing can be divided into two categories, rock climbing and ice climbing, and the modern climber must **(1)** _____ many different skills.

Rock climbing **(2)** _____ a combination of gymnastic ability, imagination and observation, but perhaps the most necessary skill is being able to **(3)** _____ out how much weight a particular rock will **(4)** _____ Mountaineers climb in groups of three or four, each climber at a distance of approximately six metres from the next. Usually, one person climbs while the other climbers **(5)** _____ hold of the rope. The most experienced climber goes first and **(6)** _____ the other climbers which **(7)** _____ to go. When the leader has reached a good position, he or she makes the rope secure so that it is **(8)** _____ for the others to follow.

Since much mountain climbing **(9)** _____ place in bad weather, snow skills **(10)** _____ a very important part. Ice axes are used for **(11)** _____ steps into the snow, and for testing the ground. Climbers always tie themselves **(12)** _____, so that, if the leader does fall, he or she can be held by the other and **(13)** _____ back to safety. The number of dangers **(14)** _____ by climbers is almost endless. Yet perhaps the most difficult part of the sport is the physical effort needed when the air has little oxygen. The **(15)** _____ of oxygen can leave mountaineers continually out of breath.

1.	A) own	B) hold	C) control	D) possess
2.	A) requires	B) insists	C) calls	D) orders
3.	A) work	B) try	C) stand	D) set
4.	A) supply	B) provide	C) support	D) offer
5.	A) keep	B) stay	C) continue	D) maintain
6.	A) indicates	B) signals	C) points	D) shows
7.	A) passage	B) way	C) walk	D) course
8.	A) safe	B) sure	C) dependable	D) reliable
9.	A) gets	B) takes	C) occupies	D) fills
10.	A) act	B) do	C) play	D) make
11.	A) cutting	B) tearing	C) breaking	D) splitting
12.	A) collectively	B) jointly	C) together	D) cooperatively
13.	A) given	B) pulled	C) put	D) sent
14.	A) marked	B) touched	C) felt	D) faced
15.	A) need	B) gap	C) lack	D) demand

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