(E) *Transform the word in brackets so that it fits correctly in the gap.*

1. The level of market __________ (penetrate) has not been as high as desired. That said, we are confident of making steady inroads and growing our market share significantly over the next two quarters.
2. The __________ (orient) of the product appears to be towards women in their mid- to late-forties.
3. There were __________ (mitigate) factors at play and I do not think the product's failure was down to it simply having been poorly conceived.
4. The bank has been accused of __________ (prey) lending and its loan book is to be closely examined by the financial ombudsman, government sources have claimed.
5. This business is a __________ (merit) ; we are led by and reward our best and most talented staff members; who you know counts for very little here.
6. __________ (protect) and the notion of free trade are two __________ (idea) opposed economic philosophies.
7. He was awarded __________ (punish) damages over and above the amount of compensation he was due for loss of profits as the judge felt the defendant needed to be taught a lesson.
8. Our boss is a __________ (nepotic) of the highest order; he just hired his niece for the newly-vacant position of Financial Officer despite the fact that she has only recently graduated and has no relevant work experience.
9. This sets a __________ (precede) of sorts by sending out the message that the mere act of calling a lightning strike is sufficient to get you exactly what you want from the owners. I have never seen a more immediate __________ (capitulate) by those in authority, have you?
10. The decision was made __________ (lateral) ; he did not consult his partners prior to the announcement.
11. The __________ (viable) of the proposal must now be called into question on the basis that the estimated cost of the build alone is now three times greater than the original figure quoted.
12. The business is __________ (solve) as it can no longer meet the repayments on its debt.
13. The company was put into __________ (receive) by the court after it was declared bankrupt on Monday.
14. The army issued a __________ (require) order for 50 new tank units.
15. There is a strong likelihood that your home will be __________ (possess) if you continue to miss your repayments.

(F) *Which of the words used to fill the gaps in* ***(E)*** *above mean the following:*

(i) the act of surrendering ____________________

(ii) the capacity to be sustainable/successful ____________________

(iii) relating to one side only ____________________

(G) *Choose a word from the box to fill each gap. Use each word once only.*

mark-up	yield	tranche	boycott	
remuneration	loophole	purveyor	mandate	mogul
margin	nominal	inventory	indemnify	

1. The ______________ package was not lucrative enough to lure him away from the company.
2. He is a business ______________ who holds much sway in the political sphere, too, and is viewed as one of the best ambassadors the country has on account of the high repute in which he is held abroad.
3. They exploited a(n) ______________ to avoid having to pay tax on the profits from the transaction.
4. The insurance company agreed to ______________ the business against losses arising from civil disorder.
5. He has been given a(n) ______________ by the shareholders to proceed with the expansion of the company - how else could their overwhelming endorsement of him in the vote at the AGM be interpreted?
6. The profit ______________ is not high enough to make this a viable business.
7. Included in the ______________ was a one-of-a-kind platinum necklace which has been described as irreplaceable.
8. The company is a(n) ______________ of jam to the royal family.
9. The ______________ of goods from Zimbabwe ended when the corrupt regime was removed from power.
10. The ______________ interest rate may have risen but the real interest rate remains the same.
11. There is a considerable ______________ on the price of bread considering that it costs wholesalers in the region of £0.20 per loaf yet they charge £0.80 on average to consumers.
12. A large ______________ of money was transferred to an account in the Cayman Islands, raising suspicions that the company's official modus operandi is but a front to mask a money laundering racket.
13. The ______________ on German government bonds is lower now than it has been at any other stage since the introduction of the Euro currency.