

Directions: In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please mark the corresponding letter for each item on **Answer Sheet 2** with a single line through the centre. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.

Morocco is responding to increasing energy demands by setting up one of the largest solar plants in the world.

The Noor solar power station is 26 in the city of Ouarzazate and, once completed, will generate 580 million watts of electricity. The World Bank estimates it will serve 1.1 million people. It's 27 to be completed soon.

Morocco's current energy comes 28 from imports. The nation hopes to get 50 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. With demand for energy 29 at an annual rate of 7 percent, the new solar plant could be a 30 part of that goal.

"This makes Morocco a big 31 in the field of solar energy in the Arab region and the African continent. It could also be a forerunner for many other countries in the world that 32 on foreign imports of energy," said Ali Hajji, a solar energy specialist and engineering professor.

Experts believe that the Middle East and North Africa have huge 33 for solar energy projects. This is partly because of adequate sunlight and partly because technology has become more 34 in the region.

"The last few years have seen a realization of 35 how competitive solar technologies can be," said Michael Taylor, a senior analyst at the International Renewable Energy Agency.

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| A) affordable | I) mostly |
| B) ancestor | J) operating |
| C) crucial | K) perhaps |
| D) depend | L) pioneer |
| E) initial | M) potential |
| F) insist | N) rising |
| G) just | O) scheduled |
| H) located | |