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Complete the text with ONE word that fits into each gap.

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the last decade, there has (4) a trend towards e-books (5) of printed editions.
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