USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

Carrier bags

Carrier bags are those plastic bags which you are given in the supermarket. A lot of people can't imagine having to do **(31)** _____ them. After all, how else are we supposed to carry our shopping home? However, carrier bags are a huge problem for the environment. In fact, they are **(32)** _____ a big problem that some governments have decided to take serious action. The main problem is that they are very difficult to get rid of. After we've thrown them **(33)** _____, they can stay in the ground for up to a thousand years. The other problem is that we use so **(34)** _____ of them. It is thought that around one trillion carrier bags are used every year! A lot of them can also be found in the sea and, as a result, millions of sea birds and fish are killed off **(35)** _____ year. People started to protest about the dangers of plastic bags in the late 1990s, but it took several years to get their message **(36)** _____. A few years later, some governments made shopkeepers charge customers for their bags. They wanted people to recycle old bags or make **(37)** _____ with paper ones. This did have an impact and people started using fewer carrier bags. However, the change wasn't big **(38)** _____ for some governments. In order to solve the problem, they decided to ban carrier bags altogether. Their objective is to **(39)** _____ sure that carrier bags stop being a danger to life on Earth. They argue that we have to change our habits now, before it's **(40)** _____ late. Let's hope more countries follow their example.

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Task 2

Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

The return of the lynx

The lynx is a type of wild cat which lives in various parts of Europe and Asia. They are most **(41)** ____ to be found in mountainous, forested areas. There are only around 50,000 of them in the world, but people think the number is **(42)** ____. Sadly, the lynx **(43)** ____ in the UK around 1,300 years ago, but now some scientists want to bring them back. These scientists argue that the UK is a(n) **(44)** ____ habitat for the lynx. They also say that it would have a positive **(45)** ____ on the British countryside. One problem in the UK is that there are **(46)** ____ wild deer, which eat all the plants and trees. As a result, forests aren't growing **(47)** ____ and other animals which depend on the forest can't survive. Some bigger lynx hunt deer so nature would provide a solution to this problem. **(48)** ____, some farmers do not agree that it would be good to bring back the lynx. They say that the countryside has changed a lot over the last 1,300 years. For example, there are a **(49)** ____ more sheep than there used to be and they would make an easy meal for a hungry lynx. While some people would like to see the return of the lynx, those farmers are waiting **(50)** ____ to see what the government decides. For them, its return could cost a large amount of money.

41 A about	**B** due	**C** likely	**D** probably
42 A going	**B** increasing	**C** growing up	**D** raising
43 A chopped down	**B** cleaned up	**C** died out	**D** killed off
44 A natural	**B** physical	**C** ordinary	**D** usual
45 A bang	**B** crash	**C** hit	**D** impact
46 A enough	**B** so	**C** too many	**D** too much
47 A too quickly	**B** quickly enough	**C** enough quickly	**D** so quickly
48 A Because	**B** As a result	**C** While	**D** However
49 A great	**B** lot	**C** many	**D** much
50 A anxiously	**B** badly	**C** luckily	**D** truthfully

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Total: 50

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