GRAMMAR

'Jane, will you marry me?'

It was not the most romantic of settings. Graham and Jane were in the supermarket, and Jane was in the **A21** .... of pointing out to Graham that the supermarket's own **A22** .... of soup was exactly the same as the more famous, but more expensive, soup next to it.

'Don't be silly, Graham,' was Jane's reply. 'I'm not being silly. I'm deadly serious.' To **A23** ....it, Graham got down on one knee. 'Graham, people are looking. Get up!' 'Not until you give me an answer,' said Graham, beginning to get annoyed. 'All right. The answer's no.'

Graham paused. 'No?' he finally said. 'No? Why not? Give me one good **A24** ....' He began to feel slightly uncomfortable - physically and emotionally. 'I can't believe we're having this conversation here,' said Jane. 'Let's just finish the shopping and go home.' 'I'm not going anywhere until you've explained to me why we shouldn't get married. We love each other!'

'Of course we do,' said Jane, **A25** .... if she was talking to a young child, 'but that doesn't mean we should get married, does it? You get married when you want to settle **A26** .... and make a life together. I only met you three months ago. Ask me again in a year or two, if we're still going **A27** .... together.' 'If... if,' stammered Graham. 'You think we might not be?' 'Graham!' said Jane. 'You're being ridiculous! Now, let's not talk about it again. **A28** .... me a packet of spaghetti, would you?' Graham handed Jane the spaghetti. 'So, you'll think about it, then?' he asked eventually.

Jane rolled her eyes, let out a deep sigh, and pushed the trolley over to the breakfast cereals.

A21	1) focus	2) middle	3) centre	4) heart
A22	1) product	2) mark	3) brand	4) style
A23	1) present	2) exhibit	3) reveal	4) prove
A24	1) thought	2) sense	3) reason	4) cause
A25	1) as	2) even	3) what	4) only
A26	1) down	2) in	3) up	4) on
A27	1) by	2) off	3) out	4) with
A28	1) Deliver	2) Pass	3) Donate	4) Forward