Use of English PART 4

A. For questions 38—42, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. Here is an example (0).

Tip Strip

- Read all three sentences before thinking about what the missing word might be.
- The same word in the same form, (e.g. a plural noun, a past tense verb, etc) must fit all three gaps.
- The missing word is usually a familiar word used in three different contexts.
- In each gap, the word will have a slightly different meaning.
- In some gaps, the word may form part of a phrasal verb or longer expression.
- Look carefully at the words before and after the gaps.
- Check that your answer fits all three gaps.
- Check that you have spelt the word correctly.

Question 38: Look at the second sentence. What adjectives can describe the colour of hair? Can one of these words also mean 'just' in the third sentence?

Question 39: You need a verb in each gap, but which tense is it in?

Question 40: The words 'mean' and 'follow' can both fit the first sentence. Which one will fit the other two sentences?

Question 41: In two of these sentences the missing word is part of a phrasal verb, but in the third it is not. Can you see which one?

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38. Although not a native speaker, Max can express his ideas in English with a ..... degree of accuracy.

All members of Melanie's family have the same very ..... hair.

Wallace didn't think it was ..... that he was asked to work longer hours than his colleagues.

39. Our teacher ..... us through the poem line by line, after which we began to understand it.

Andrew ..... extensive notes during the lecture, because he wanted to remember exactly What the scientist had said.

Zoe ..... down the name and address of the company that her uncle said was looking for temporary staff.

40. Just because your parents are both teachers, it doesn't ..... that you'll be one, too.

To get to the campsite, ... the road round to the left and then tum right opposite the supermarket.

Millions of viewers ..... the fortunes of the characters in the soap opera every week.

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41. When groups of visitors come to the castle, guides ..... them round and answer their questions.

The fact that sales of classical music CDS have fallen just goes to ..... how much is being downloaded from the Internet.

Any imperfections in the material will ..... up when it is put under a microscope.

42. There has been a steady ..... in the number of guidebooks published recently.

As she'd taken on a lot of extra responsibility at work, Martina felt justified in putting in for a ..... .

The ancient farmhouse had been built on a slight ..... overlooking the vast open plain.

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The politician said that the government was currently ..... on a new policy to combat crime in the inner city.

Tania had the job of ..... through a large pile of documents that needed checking before being forwarded to another department.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

39. I don't like the actress who plays the ..... in that new television drama, though the rest of the cast are good.

The Welsh team have just gone into the ..... after scoring twice in five minutes.

The ..... from the presenter's laptop stretched right across the room and I was afraid someone might trip over it.

40. To do work of such precision requires a very..... hand.

Although he's not particularly skilful, Ralph is a very..... worker and you can rely on him one hundred percent.

There has been a ..... increase in the number of people buying four-wheel-drive vehicles in our area.

41. Doug was put in ..... of the garage while his boss was away on holiday.

You can have a newspaper delivered to your hotel room each day, but there is an extra ..... for this service.

The shoplifter was taken to court on a ..... of theft and resisting arrest.

42. The latest ..... of the magazine contains a feature about guitar making.

The most serious ..... that the two sides in the case had to resolve involved an alleged breach of copyright.

The main ..... for the family to decide was not whether to buy the new car, but whether to pay cash for it or not.

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Gina is hoping that her grandmother's wedding dress will ..... her well enough to be worn without major alteration.

The police officers looked at the CCTV footage closely and agreed that the man seemed to ..... the description of the escaped prisoner exactly.

39. If you're looking for a bargain, the sports shop in town has got a special ..... on tennis rackets at the moment.

Zack came in for a good ..... of criticism after the team's failure to win the cup, but he seemed unaffected by it.

The television company has a lucrative ..... with a soft-drinks manufacturer which will sponsor the series.

40. The opening ..... of the film made a real impression on me, and from that moment on I was completely engrossed in it.

Police Inspector Davies always liked to revisit the ..... of the crime several times.

Flavia's daughter is really spoilt and creates an embarrassing ..... if she doesn't get exactly what she wants.

41. At the end of the talent show, the judges will ..... the three contestants who will proceed to the next round of the competition.

Did you know that it is now against the law to ..... wild flowers in the National Park?

Graham was in a bad mood and was ready to ..... a fight with anyone who disagreed with him.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

42. Tania was rather ..... to realise that her boss was dissatisfied with her work.

Although looking through all the Old family photographs was quite a ..... and time-consuming process, Gerry thoroughly enjoyed it.

There has been rather a ..... response to the charity's latest appeal for donations, so more advertising has been planned.

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If it isn't maintained properly, a modern school building will soon ..... into a State of disrepair.

Denise's family problems led her to ..... behind with her college work.

39. As a bank employee, Grace is used to ..... large amounts of cash on a daily basis.

The staff at the car-hire desk only seemed capable of ..... one client at a time, so a long queue had formed.

You have to be very careful when ..... certain chemicals, as they can cause skin irritations and other health problems.

40. The travel agent explained that you pay a small deposit now and the balance is ..... for payment four weeks before your date of departure.

Dave's plane is ..... to land at 19:50, so we don't need to go to the airport for another half-an-hour yet.

According to his boss, everyone in Malcolm's office is ..... for a rise in the next few months.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

41. The teacher asked the children to ..... round her in a circle while she read the poem.

Nathan started to ..... up all his and pens and put them in his briefcase before leaving his desk.

From your email, I ..... that you're not too happy with the service this company has been providing.

42. The checked ..... on the curtains looked lovely against the plainness of the white walls.

As a sociologist, I'm always looking for a ..... in the way people behave.

If you're going to make your own clothes, you have to learn how to follow a ..... .

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Although she's only an amateur artist, Chloe has always ..... her work very seriously.

A new manager has ..... over the running of the club where we go dancing at the weekend.

39. After four world tours in three years, the Singer has decided to take a well-earned ..... from travelling.

After buying gifts for all her family, the lottery winner decided to donate the ..... of her winnings to charity.

The runner was advised to give her injured knee a thorough ..... before beginning her training programme again.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

40. Darren's got a very ..... mind, and always knows when people are trying to get the better of him.

Be careful not to go too fast as you cycle down the hill because there's a ..... bend at the bottom.

There's been a ..... rise in the number of burglaries in this area; I think we'll have to get an alarm installed.

41. If you're like me, you'll always ..... your favourite chocolates in the box till last.

This new gadget will ..... me from having to chop up the vegetables by hand.

I had hoped to ..... up enough to buy a new motorcycle, but it's hard when you really enjoy going shopping!

42. The buses to the village only ..... on weekdays, which means that villagers without cars are stranded at the weekend.

All rivers, we are told, eventually ..... into the sea.

If you ..... into Clive at the market, could you ask him to return that CD I lent him last week.

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Tom's local flight was delayed, so he missed his ..... at the international airport.

The lights in the Old car sometimes go out because there is a loose ..... in the electrical circuit.

39 Shops originally had sales so that they could ..... their shelves of old stock and make room for new things.

After the barbecue party, Sammy was told to ..... up the mess his friends had left in the garden.

Petra was told to ..... everything out of her bedroom so that it could be used for guests in future.

40. Sue has developed a range of cosmetics designed for people with ..... skin.

The missing laptop is thought to contain highly ..... information about the company's business dealings.

Fred's got a large bandage on his little finger and feels very ..... about it because he thinks it looks silly.

41. Ray promised to ..... back to the student committee on the details of his meeting with the college principal.

Patients should ..... to the Reception Desk immediately on arrival at the hospital.

Most trainee journalists are asked to ..... on local events when they first join the newspaper.

42. Rachel makes friends ..... as she enjoys meeting people and has a very outgoing personality.

The carnival is ..... the most important event in the local calendar.

You can get to the beach ..... by going out the back door of the hotel and following the cliff path.

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