

A Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space.

Students learning English as a second language are sometimes given a word by their teacher and asked to give an (1) (**EXPLAIN**) as to what that word means; in other words, to provide a (2) (**DEFINE**). The (3) (**ASSUME**) is that if you know a word, you can define it. (4) (**LOGIC**), that might make sense, but in reality it is not always (5) (**REASON**) to assume that. There are words and phrases that even native speakers use in conversation without much (6) (**THINK**) which can lead to (7) (**CONFUSE**) when you ask a native speaker to define them. Take the (8) (**CONCEIVE**) of 'zeitgeist', for example, which has entered English from German. It's (9) (**DOUBT**) much easier to use than it is to define. With a word like 'zeitgeist', it may be more (10) (**SENSE**) to test the student's understanding in ways other than asking them to define it.

(1 mark per answer)

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given.

- 11 I'm never going to forget to consider Darren's views when I make a decision again. **account**
That's the last time I when I make a decision.
- 12 I don't know how on earth she thinks of such brilliant plots for her novels. **come**
How on earth such brilliant plots for her novels?
- 13 I'm sure Nancy is still presuming that the party starts at nine. **impression**
I'm sure Nancy that the party starts at nine.
- 14 Sean, do you know yet what you're doing this evening? **mind**
Sean, yet what you're doing this evening?
- 15 I told Jeanne, thinking that she'd be supportive – how wrong I was! **belief**
I told Jeanne that she'd be supportive – how wrong I was!
- 16 There's no way that you're staying out all night with your friends, I'm afraid. **question**
Your staying out all night with your friends , I'm afraid.
- 17 I'm glad you now see sense and agree that your parents are right. **senses**
I'm glad and agree that your parents are right.
- 18 I think you think – wrongly – that this is all a conspiracy against you. **misapprehension**
I think that this is all a conspiracy against you.

(2 marks per answer)

C Write one word in each gap.

- 19 You really have to have your about you when driving through Birmingham.
 20 It's a typical example of not being able to see the for the trees.
 21 Bill Denver? That name rings a
 22 Don't let success go to your whatever you do!
 23 We were kept completely in the about what was going on – they didn't tell us anything!
 24 Am I going round the or did you just ask me to marry you?
 25 He'll never win the court case. My solicitor says he doesn't have a to stand on.
 26 Dawn's a bit slow on the sometimes, so maybe she didn't realise you were suggesting she gave you a job.

(1 mark per answer)

D Circle the correct word.

- 27 We're still trying to **part** / **piece** / **set** together exactly what went wrong.
 28 It's too much information for me to **take** / **read** / **get** in in one go.
 29 You'd better **create** / **think** / **work** up a very good excuse why you didn't come to the meeting.
 30 Let me mull this **about** / **in** / **over** for a while and then I'll get back to you.
 31 Toni was totally opposed at first but I think she's **come** / **made** / **taken** around to the idea now.
 32 I think you should face up **on** / **with** / **to** the fact that our relationship's over.
 33 We're still trying to **figure** / **think** / **guess** out how the burglars got in.
 34 I'm going to have to **learn** / **swot** / **look** up on what all the road signs mean before my driving test.

(1 mark per answer)

E Choose the correct answer.

- 35 I'm in a real and I just don't know what to do.
 A dilemma C query
 B paradox D hunch
- 36 They're staying in rented accommodation for the time
 A going C doing
 B making D being
- 37 Is it really the first time first class?
 A you ever fly C you've ever flown
 B you're ever flying D you've ever been flying
- 38 getting a pet tarantula?
 A Does Claire really think of C Has Claire really thought that
 B Is Claire really thinking of D Has Claire really been thinking that
- 39 Alan for hours but he just doesn't answer his mobile. I hope nothing's wrong.
 A I call C I've called
 B I'm calling D I've been calling
- 40 Looking at your CV, I you used to live in Australia.
 A gather C am gathering
 B do gather D have gathered
- 41 I it's going to snow tonight, don't you?
 A speculate C reckon
 B reflect D ponder
- 42 'Have you finished with the paper yet?'
 'I've started reading it!'
 A even C still
 B just D already

(1 mark per answer)

Total mark:/50