

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

(1 mark per answer)

Total mark: ...../50