

## A Write one word in each gap.

*The Segway*

The Segway HT (Human Transporter) (1) ..... first presented to the public in 2001. It is a revolutionary form of transport, which runs (2) ..... electricity and allows the rider to balance on a small platform between two wheels. Balance (3) ..... maintained by two computers, which monitor the Segway's (4) ..... move. As the vehicle moves off balance, the computers turn the wheels to compensate, (5) ..... this way restoring balance. If the rider leans forwards or backwards, the Segway moves in that direction in an attempt to steady (6) ..... . If the rider continues to lean, the vehicle continues to move at up to 10 mph. Once you are (7) ..... the move, the Segway (8) ..... be steered in the direction you want to go using the handlebars. (9) ..... are thought to be a number of advantages to the Segway for short, inner-city journeys. It's a very safe, environmentally-friendly means of transport, and a number of organisations, such as police forces and postal services, consider (10) ..... to be a possible alternative to cars and bicycles.

(1 mark per answer)

## B Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals.

- 11 After a successful career, he retired in 2004, but now he's making a ..... and he's released a new CD. **COME**
- 12 Mum's fine after her operation, although she's still a little ..... on her feet. **STEADY**
- 13 I found her last book of poetry very ..... **MOVE**
- 14 At the back of the cave, there was a narrow ..... that seemed to lead further into the mountain. **PASS**
- 15 The party has a number of ..... ideas which should appeal to many undecided voters. **PROGRESS**
- 16 The long-running civil war has ..... the whole country. **STABLE**
- 17 Wilkinson went on to become a great athlete, his disability ..... **STAND**
- 18 I can't believe you got another ..... ticket! **SPEED**

(1 mark per answer)

## C Circle the correct word.

- 19 Would you mind just **taking** / **running** / **doing** me a bath while I get changed?
- 20 I didn't tell you about the possibility of the trip because I didn't want to **lift** / **raise** / **boost** your hopes.
- 21 The colour of the computer is beside the **point** / **subject** / **theme** – I want to know that it's reliable.
- 22 When I got the opportunity to go to China, I **moved** / **jumped** / **ran** at the chance.
- 23 The lecture was interesting, but I found the argument quite difficult to **track** / **watch** / **follow**.
- 24 I didn't think my plan was going to work, but everything **fell** / **went** / **moved** into place at the right time.
- 25 We were enjoying the barbecue, but the weather started to **go** / **turn** / **do** a little cold so we went inside.
- 26 Millions of children around the world will **go** / **get** / **suffer** hungry tonight, and I don't think that's fair.

(1 mark per answer)

**D** 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.

- 27 Smith gave the ball to Jones just before the referee blew his whistle. **by**  
Jones ..... Smith just before the referee blew his whistle.
- 28 Reports say that police have arrested a number of people since the robbery. **reported**  
There ..... a number of arrests since the robbery.
- 29 Try to stay level with the other runners at the start of the race. **fall**  
Try ..... the other runners at the start of the race.
- 30 The police have put a barrier around the building to keep people out. **cordoned**  
The building ..... police.
- 31 A friend of ours fixed our car for us. **had**  
We ..... our car.
- 32 The managing director always likes to welcome new employees on their first day. **point**  
The managing director always ..... new employees on their first day.
- 33 After a slow start, the audience were soon laughing at the comedian's jokes. **had**  
After a slow start, the comedian ..... at his jokes.
- 34 I just need to finish this work and then I'll call you. **way**  
I just need to ..... and then I'll call you.

(2 marks per answer)

**E** Choose the correct answer.

- 35 Why don't you have a doctor ..... at your arm if it's hurting you?  
A to look                      C look  
B looking                      D for looking
- 36 I wonder if you could let me know what the ..... fare to Berlin is?  
A round                      C two-way  
B double                      D return
- 37 Mr Parris said he'd like ..... by Monday, if that's possible.  
A finished the report      C the report finished  
B the report will be finished      D have the report finished
- 38 Ben crept ..... on Lisa and put his hands over her eyes.  
A out                      C off  
B round                      D up
- 39 The company is expected ..... a healthy profit this year.  
A make                      C making  
B to make                      D for making
- 40 Maria was just walking along the road when someone on a motorbike ..... her handbag.  
A clutched                      C grabbed  
B clenched                      D fumbled
- 41 Fred Astaire is one of my favourite dancers and I love the way he seems to ..... across the floor.  
A glide                      C skid  
B march                      D dash
- 42 The new Arts Centre seems to have been ..... construction for quite some time.  
A in                      C on  
B under                      D below

(1 mark per answer)

Total mark: ...../50