

## A Write one word in each gap.

## The Librarians – On the bookshelf \*\*\*

They stole the (1) ..... at last year's Brit Awards. Their last album was described by *New Music Today* as '(2) ..... of this world'. Then, after acrimonious and bitter infighting, they announced they'd split up. But fans of *The Librarians* will be cheered to know the band have now patched things (3) ..... and have recorded a brand (4) ..... album. The two ballads on the album, *Carefree* and *Tomorrow I'm leaving* don't particularly (5) ..... out as anything special, but (6) ..... its best, *On the bookshelf* contains some of the finest songs *The Librarians* have ever written. There's no doubt they've got alternative electro-rock (7) ..... to a fine art, and when they get it right, they get it right (8) ..... style.

\* don't bother

\*\* only for die-hard fans

\*\*\* check it (9) .....

\*\*\*\* takes (10) ..... of place in anyone's CD collection

(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 There's not that much difference between irony and sarcasm. **line**  
There's ..... between irony and sarcasm.
- 12 I sincerely promise you that I'm telling you the truth. **bottom**  
I promise you ..... that I'm telling you the truth.
- 13 As far as I know, no one's talking about you behind your back. **best**  
To ..... , no one's talking about you behind your back.
- 14 Maybe I didn't explain exactly what I mean – our relationship is over! **clear**  
Maybe I didn't ..... – our relationship is over!
- 15 I'm finding it difficult to cope with all the work I have to do. **top**  
All the work I have to do ..... me.
- 16 I don't feel guilty at all, Mary. **clear**  
I ..... , Mary.
- 17 Our detectives are determined to find out exactly what happened in this case. **bottom**  
Our detectives are determined to ..... this case.
- 18 I'm afraid your grandmother got worse during the night. **turn**  
I'm afraid your grandmother ..... during the night.

(2 marks per answer)



**C Complete using the words in the box in the correct form. You will not need one of the words.**

brighten • liven • pick • run • scrape • smarten • touch • waste • write

- 19 Sales should ..... up in the third quarter of the year.  
 20 The car was so badly damaged they had to ..... it off.  
 21 If the government ..... this area down any more, it'll become a wasteland.  
 22 There's a slight mark in the corner of this photo, but we can ..... that up electronically.  
 23 Most students end up ..... up their appearance when they enter the world of work.  
 24 The meal was a bit dull at first but everyone ..... up when Tricia got there.  
 25 I'm either going to fail the exam or just ..... through.  
 26 There'll be a lot of cloud cover in the morning, but it should ..... up a little in the afternoon.

(1 mark per answer)

**D Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals.**

- 27 Are those flowers real or are they ..... ? **ART**  
 28 I'm looking for a flatmate so I'm going to put an ad in the ..... **CLASS**  
 29 I suppose my biggest fault is that I'm a ..... **PERFECT**  
 30 The hurricane has caused widespread ..... along the whole coastal region. **DESTROY**  
 31 My teacher saying that I'd never amount to anything really ..... my resolve to prove him wrong. And I did! **STRONG**  
 32 It's not a real Rolex, unfortunately – just a cheap ..... **IMITATE**  
 33 Please contact reception regarding the storing of ..... in the hotel safe. **VALUE**  
 34 The positive relationship between a business and a customer, often referred to as '.....', is difficult to quantify financially. **GOOD**

(1 mark per answer)

**E Choose the correct answer.**

- 35 I always clean the flat before my mum comes round, but she always finds at least one ..... of dust and says it's filthy!  
 A scrap C speck  
 B gust D blade
- 36 There seem to be a/an ..... of people in the street. What's happening?  
 A amount C number  
 B deal D plenty
- 37 ..... of birds over a city usually predict cold weather.  
 A Herds C Packs  
 B Flocks D Groups
- 38 Only ..... people have joined the website so far, but we're hoping membership will increase over the next couple of months.  
 A few C little  
 B a few D a little
- 39 It's one of the worst books I've ever read. Its only redeeming ..... is that it's quite short!  
 A aspect C element  
 B feature D factor
- 40 With over 500 hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s, this is the ..... hits collection.  
 A exquisite C optimum  
 B satisfactory D ultimate
- 41 The concrete is ..... by putting metal bars in it; this makes it stronger and more durable.  
 A reinforced C renovated  
 B refurbished D streamlined
- 42 This plate's a collector's ..... and is actually worth quite a lot of money.  
 A bit C object  
 B article D item

(1 mark per answer)

Total mark: ...../50