

**A** Write one word in each gap.

**Online auctions**

Have you decided it's time to part (1) ..... all those old books (2) ..... you haven't read for years, or all those CDs you never listen to? One way to profit (3) ..... the things you no longer want is to sell them. Over the last few years, there has been an enormous increase (4) ..... the number of people (5) ..... sell things online through services like *ebay*. It can be a fun way of making money and you are bound (6) ..... enjoy it. Here's how it works.

(7) ..... decided to sell your things, you need to set up an *ebay* account. Then, you need to tell people what the things you are selling (8) ..... like. You can also add photographs so that people take more notice (9) ..... your advertisement. People visiting the website can then offer you money for your things. The person who promises (10) ..... pay the most money wins the auction. If you've got just the right thing for sale that someone is looking for, you can make a fortune!

**B** Complete the sentences below by changing the form of the word in capitals when this is necessary.

- 11 I actually found the show quite ..... (**EXCITE**) ; in fact, I almost fell asleep in the middle!
- 12 By the time he was 30, Frank was a very ..... (**WEALTH**) man.
- 13 My mum has very ..... (**EXPENSE**) tastes and spends a lot on clothes each month.
- 14 Everyone agrees that the ..... (**CURRENT**) problems were caused by mistakes made in the past.
- 15 You can make your ..... (**PAY**) through a cash machine or at the Post Office.
- 16 The ..... (**POPULAR**) of programmes like this is based on the way they make stars out of ordinary people.
- 17 Works of art can often be a good ..... (**INVEST**) for the future.
- 18 Gary's ..... (**SUGGEST**) was that we see what's on at the theatre.

**C** Complete the second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

- 19 'I enjoyed myself yesterday,' said Brian. **day**  
Brian said he ..... before.
- 20 'Don't touch my bag!' Josie said to Michael. **her**  
Josie told ..... bag.
- 21 'Where did you put my ruler?' Kate asked me. **I**  
Kate asked me ..... ruler.
- 22 'Please don't tell anyone my secret!' said Sandra to Kevin. **begged**  
Sandra ..... anyone her secret.
- 23 'I'm sorry I didn't believe you,' I said to Veronica. **not**  
I apologised ..... her.

- 24 'I must remember to set the video,' said Denise. **she**  
Denise ..... to set the video.
- 25 'I didn't make fun of Ian after the party!' Joe said. **denied**  
Joe ..... after the party.
- 26 'I've won a fortune on the lottery!' Don said. **have**  
Don claimed ..... a fortune on the lottery.

**D Choose the correct answer.**

- 27 When we ..... at global poverty, it can often feel like we will never solve the problem.  
A see C watch  
B look D observe
- 28 One of my favourite actors is Jim Carrey, who has ..... in some very funny films.  
A played C gone  
B acted D pretended
- 29 I don't know what we're going to ..... if I lose this job.  
A get by C live on  
B give away D grow on
- 30 The man was arrested when his ..... passport was spotted at the airport.  
A artificial C unreal  
B plastic D fake
- 31 That necklace is wonderful! It must have ..... you a fortune!  
A done C spent  
B charged D cost
- 32 I hope I can ..... you to be there if I need any help.  
A let down C make out  
B get through D count on
- 33 Only \$300 for that laptop? That's a real ..... !  
A sale C contract  
B bargain D donation
- 34 Why don't you ..... the queue while I go and get some cash out of the machine?  
A enter C join  
B stand D belong

**E Choose the correct answer.**

- 35 This is the book in ..... Foster describes his experience of the war.  
A that  
B what  
C where  
D which
- 36 Isn't that Tim, the boy ..... father owns a huge yacht?  
A whose  
B his  
C which  
D that
- 37 'What did Maria ask you?'  
'She asked me ..... I had ever been abroad.'  
A that  
B whether  
C for  
D about
- 38 Tina gave her ticket to the concert to John, ..... then sold it to Nick.  
A which  
B he  
C who  
D whom
- 39 Mr Anderson refused ..... the policeman into his house.  
A allowing  
B to allowing  
C that he allowed  
D to allow
- 40 The explanation ..... for the problems didn't satisfy anybody.  
A giving  
B which gave  
C given  
D having given
- 41 I'm afraid I'm a little short ..... money this month, so I can't lend you any.  
A of  
B from  
C with  
D for
- 42 Eventually, William agreed ..... his teacher what he had behind his back.  
A that he shows  
B with showing  
C to show  
D on showing