

## TEST 13-16

### A Write one word in each gap.

- 1 Don't spill your drink on my new tablecloth because it'll never come ..... .
- 2 The accusation that we have wasted public money on this project is entirely ..... foundation.
- 3 Mrs Gallagher looked ..... if she'd had some really bad news.
- 4 After being unemployed for over a year, Jordan found a job at ..... last.
- 5 Our new car is ..... near as economical as our last one.
- 6 I think we should set the tent ..... over there, in the shade.
- 7 Don't worry – we'll be there on the fifth, no ..... what.
- 8 I didn't make any money on my investment, but at least I just about ..... even.
- 9 It was very satisfying to watch our house being built and see it ..... shape.
- 10 This area is rich ..... minerals and oil.

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### B For each question, write one word which can be used in all three sentences.

- 11 If you're going to roll pastry, you need a flat ..... to do it on.  
The formula for finding the ..... area of a cube is  $6<^2$ , where  $<$  is the length of one side.  
Kelly seems calm on the ..... , but I think she's actually quite upset.
- 12 I don't like parties because I've never been very good at ..... talk.  
I wish you wouldn't try to make me look ..... in front of other people.  
We sat up chatting into the ..... hours.
- 13 The sofa we ordered is too ..... to get into the living room.  
The escaped prisoner is still ..... and the public are advised not to approach him.  
The company's success is due, in ..... part, to providing a high-quality service.
- 14 Something has left a ..... on the car.  
You'll have to be quick off the ..... in the sales if you want the real bargains.  
At the halfway ..... , Richardson was in the lead.
- 15 I've got quite a ..... on at work at the moment.  
Getting married obviously just wasn't my ..... in life.  
I paid £10 for the ..... at that boot sale last Sunday.
- 16 I'm planning to go to the funeral, just to ..... my last respects.  
I was surprised when Caleb said I looked nice because he doesn't usually ..... me compliments.  
I might not have a lot of money, but I always make sure I ..... my way.

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

- 17 The form should be completed by the head of the ..... . **HOUSE**
- 18 This incident could have done ..... damage to relations between the two countries. **REPAIR**
- 19 Get the juice I like that doesn't have any artificial ..... . **ADD**
- 20 I always seem to be ..... at the bank at the end of the month. **DRAW**
- 21 It's important that journalists try to remain ..... when reporting a story. **OBJECT**
- 22 The ..... of Professor Ogden's knowledge impresses everyone who meets him. **BROAD**

23 I don't know if people today are more ..... than people were in the past. **MATERIAL**  
24 The interviewer asked the 107-year-old man what the secret of his ..... was. **LONG**  
25 The next step is to soak the leather in water to ..... it. **SOFT**  
26 It's a shame when a ..... of football hooligans spoil the game for the rest of us. **MINOR**

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**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 You should have told me you were having problems with the homework. **rather**  
I ..... you were having problems with the homework.  
28 Dickens is a much better writer than Trollope. **like**  
Trollope is ..... Dickens.  
29 I have tried very hard to learn how to play chess but I can't. **matter**  
It seems that ..... I still can't learn how to play chess.  
30 Please don't tell anyone about this for the time being. **sooner**  
I ..... let anyone know about this for the time being.  
31 The amount we've saved is very small compared to how much we owe. **ocean**  
The amount we've saved is ..... compared to how much we owe.  
32 It's a shame we can't get more people to support our campaign. **drum**  
I wish ..... support for our campaign.  
33 The number of violent crimes around here has risen dramatically recently. **sharp**  
There ..... the number of violent crimes around here recently.  
34 My new job is much more satisfying than any job I've ever had. **away**  
My new job is ..... one I've ever had.

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**E Choose the correct answer.**

35 Let's go to the beach – it's ..... a day to sit indoors.  
A nice enough C so nice  
B too nice D such nice

36 Old Mrs Duckworth was coming down the road, weighed ..... with bags of shopping.  
A down C on  
B out D off

37 Everyone in our street seems to think that it's very important to ..... up with the Joneses.  
A get C keep  
B set D stay

38 When we were in Athens, I bought a ..... statuette.  
A white, beautiful, marble, little  
B marble, beautiful, little, white  
C beautiful, little, marble, white  
D beautiful, little, white, marble

39 Can you get those aspirin that ..... in water, because I can't take the others?  
A dilute C diminish  
B dissolve D dispense

40 The house I was born in was ..... some time ago.  
A evicted C ground  
B smashed D demolished

41 I wish I ..... there to see Gabriel's face when you told him!  
A can be C would be  
B would have been D could have been

42 I'll just ..... some ice to go in our drinks.  
A crush C squash  
B squeeze D compact

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