Revision Test 2: Units 5 - 8

A Write one word in each gap.

Space probes behave strangely

Is an unknown force having an influence (**1**) ..... Pioneer 10 and 11, NASA's oldest space probes? The probes have been travelling through space for over thirty years but scientists have now (**2**) ..... to the conclusion that their current position does not correspond (**3**) ..... predictions of where they should be. The probes appear to be (**4**) ..... the control of something other than the sun's gravity. Scientists are unsure of the cause (**5**) ..... the probes' slowness but have narrowed (**6**) ..... the possibilities to three main options. They (**7**) ..... forward their suggestions at a conference this week. It is possible, but unlikely, (**8**) ..... both probes are malfunctioning in the same way at the same time; our understanding of gravity may be wrong, or an unknown force in the universe is (**9**) ..... a difference to the speed of the craft. Scientists say they will need to carry (**10**) ..... more research before they can determine what the cause is.

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

11 No one knows what the real ..... (**EXPLAIN**) is.
12 From his ..... (**APPEAR**), you would think that Adam is lazy, but he's not.
13 The prime minister is going to make an ..... (**ANNOUNCE**) this afternoon.
14 Gordon's got a great sense of ..... (**HUMOUR**).
15 Let's have a more detailed ..... (**DISCUSS**) about that later.
16 We'll have to get a lot more ..... (**INFORM**) before we make a final decision.
17 The ..... (**INVENT**) of the wheel changed the world enormously.
18 I'm going to write a letter to the ..... (**EDIT**) about that article.

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 Do you think you'll succeed in persuading Graham? **manage**
Do you think you'll ..... Graham?
20 Mass communication improved when they introduced the postal service. **introduction**
Mass communication improved ..... the postal service.
21 It's a waste of time looking at that website. **point**
There ..... looking at that website.
22 They are going to hold the interview in the White House. **place**
The interview ..... in the White House.
23 Did you describe the burglar to the police? **description**
Did you ..... the burglar to the police?
24 I believe that people will live on other planets in the future. **view**
It ..... that people will live on other planets in the future.
25 Could you connect me to the editorial department, please? **through**
Could you ..... to the editorial department, please?
26 You didn't even try to answer the question. **attempt**
You didn't even ..... answering the question.

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D Choose the correct answer.

27 I'm going to take the car to the garage as the ..... has been making a funny noise.
A machine C appliance
B engine D device

28 The politician ..... to admit that he had done anything wrong.
A denied C refused
B accepted D explained

29 The news caught me completely by ..... .
A disbelief C shock
B amazement D surprise

30 The country's economy relies heavily on the tourist ..... .
A industry C company
B factory D firm

31 We're really looking ..... to seeing you both next weekend.
A ahead C forward
B in front D in advance

32 It's quite ..... to feel nervous before a job interview.
A physical C natural
B real D biological

33 We have five security guards ..... watch every night.
A keeping C taking
B holding D making

34 Her new novel is ..... out next month.
A bringing C going
B coming D arriving

E Choose the correct answer.

35 'Shall we meet at seven o'clock?'
'No, I'll still ..... then.'
A work
B have worked
C be working
D have been working

36 Call me as soon as you ..... your test results.
A get
B will get
C will have got
D will be getting

37 There are a ..... websites dealing with this issue.
A lots
B lots of
C lot
D lot of

38 I don't believe ..... ghosts!
A at
B for
C in
D on

39 What time ..... ?
A the train will leave
B does the train leave
C will the train have been leaving
D is leaving the train

40 When I ..... , I want to be a journalist.
A grow up
B am growing up
C will grow up
D am going to grow up

41 By eight o'clock tonight, ... computer games for over twelve hours!
A you'll play
B you'll be playing
C you have played
D you'll have been playing

42 'Are you still taking your exams?'
'Yes, but by this time next week ..... my last one!'
A I'm finishing
B I'll finish
C I'll have finished
D I'll have been finishing

Total mark: ..... / 50

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