

**3.1** For questions **28-38**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only **one** word in each space. Write your answer in the answer boxes provided. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

**(11 marks)**

Britain’s police force **(0)** ..... recently introduced a new secret weapon – a fleet of cardboard cut-out patrol cars.

The imitation cars, **(28)**..... will be cunningly positioned in lay-bys or on bridges, are designed **(29)**..... frighten speeding motorists into slowing **(30)**..... .

At a cost of £375, up to £28,000 for the real thing, each car consists **(31)**..... a thin rainproof sandwich of vinyl-covered card, complete with all the authentic markings of a real patrol car – including the fluorescent orange stripe along each side.

The Northumberland police force are well-prepared to cope **(32)**..... a barrage of sarcastic comments from the public. They plan to remind people **(33)**..... the highly successful fake police officers which have been used now for a **(34)**..... of years in the area. These **(35)**..... reduced crime and saved money.

“Initially, **(36)**..... project may provoke a humorous response,” said Chief Superintendent Bob Bensley. “But we are very optimistic that the cars will turn out to be a serious and low-cost resource in our campaign to cut speed and reduce casualties.

Motorists’ organisations have welcomed the police initiative, though **(37)**..... spokesman for the RAC said, “At the end of the day, you can’t beat a police car with a real policeman **(38)**..... the wheel.”

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**KEY:**

28 **which**

32 **with**

36 **the / this / our**

29 **to**

33 **of / about**

37 **a / the**

30 **down**

34 **number**

38 **behind / at**

31 **of**

35 **have**