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(1999.5) Theatre 's Financial " Angels " In London and New York theatre shows can make seriously big money. That is why\_\_ (0) \_\_ in the theatre is becoming increasingly popular. Putting money into the theatre is not \_\_ (21) \_\_ for those who prefer a safe return on their capital, but it does offer the occasional chance of huge profits. Moreover, it gives the investor a personal \_\_ (22) \_\_ in the glamorous world of show business. Producers of new plays and musicals often \_\_ (23) \_\_ a large proportion of the initial capital from small investors, or " angels " as they ' re known in the theatre business. Each investor will typically buy one or more investment units. A unit normally \_\_ (24) \_\_ a thousand dollars or more. When the show starts making a profit, the " angels " get their original money back. They then \_\_ (25) \_\_ to get dividend payments, at an agreed percentage, for as long as the production keeps going. However, the risks are high. Normally, shows run for at least a year before they see any profit. Even then, the \_\_ (26) \_\_ of money generated for the investors can be very small. Most theatrical productions do not even get that far, closing \_\_ (27) \_\_ within the first six months. So, who would be an " angel " ? Typically, someone who has a keen interest in the potential \_\_ (29) \_\_ from a big success: investors in one current production are \_\_ (30) \_\_ profits of over 350 per cent. 20 A investing B profiting C risking D financing 21 A

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