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Level 5

1		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By train, of course.• No, I'm not going yet.• Pretty well, actually.• He's fine, thanks.
2		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A• B• C• D
3		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A• B• C• D
4		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A• B• C• D
5		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4/2/1913• 2/4/1913• 4/2/1930• 4/2/1933
6		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A shoe.• A pen.• A banana.• A notebook.
7		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I hope so.• I expect.• That's nice.• I hope not.

8		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hang up, please. • Wait for it. • Hold on, please. • Don't move.
9		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
10		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
11		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marjorie • Margary • Margery • Marjery
12		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £10.15. • £10.50. • Less than \$12. • More than twelve pounds.
13		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrolling • Deleting • Scanning • Sharing
14		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
15		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D






16		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a cinema. • In a taxi. • At a railway station. • At a fast-food restaurant.
17		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... he won't get away with it • ... he won't get along with us • ... he won't let us down • ... he won't throw it away
18		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
19		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
20		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D






21		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carla is sure that her sister doesn't want to go out with Sam. • Carla thinks that it's a good idea for Sam to ask her sister to go out with him. • Sam is going to get a nice surprise when he asks Carla's sister to go out with him. • Carla knows that another boy is already going out with her sister.
22	[AUDIO]	Listen to the phone conversation. What can the man say now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oh, what a pity! • Aren't you lucky! • Congratulations! • I'm glad to hear it.
23	[AUDIO]	Listen to the conversation. What are they talking about?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A carpet. • A hat. • A cake. • A pot of paint.
24	[AUDIO]	Listen to this business meeting that is taking place by phone. One attendee is missing. What is the reason for his absence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin is too busy to attend. • Martin isn't at work because he's unwell. • Martin is having problems travelling into work. • Martin has asked his assistant to go instead.




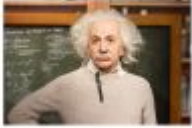

25	[AUDIO]	<p>Listen to this conversation between a woman and a delivery man. They are speaking over an intercom. Which sentence is true?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delivery man rang the wrong door by mistake. • The man can't deliver the package to the correct address because Mr Foster is out and it's too big • The delivery man wants the woman to let him in the building so he can park in the car park. • The woman might have signed for the package if the delivery man had come upstairs.
26	[AUDIO]	<p>A guide is taking a group of visitors around an art gallery. Listen to her conversation with one of the members of the tour group. Which sentence is true?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The man maintains that an artwork's value is fundamentally linked to its recognisability. • The tour guide doesn't think that the sale price of a painting is an indication of its quality. • The man's son is a celebrated young artist. • "Apples and a Vase" is a painting by an artist who painted in the same style throughout his career.
27	[AUDIO]	<p>Listen to the conversation between Mark and Nadia. What did Mark probably do a few minutes ago?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He trod on Nadia's dress during a dance competition. • He missed an easy goal and his team lost the football match. • He said the wrong thing when he met Nadia's parents for the first time. • He cooked a meal that everyone appreciated.

28	[AUDIO]	Listen. Jane runs a café. She's telling her husband Peter about some difficult customers today. Which sentence is NOT true?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the customers had been on time, they wouldn't have been given a small table. • Jane is more annoyed by the negative feedback than by anything else the clients did. • In spite of making changes to the food, it still didn't satisfy the clients. • The customers were unhappy because the cakes were made by someone else.
29	[AUDIO]	Listen, and find the word that rhymes with the word you hear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rinse • fits • twins • pence
30	[AUDIO]	Listen, and find the right answer to the question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • altered • avoid • athlete • April
31	[AUDIO]	Listen. Which of these phrases can you hear?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apartment that • had to get into • in their meals • a bit of
32	[AUDIO]	Listen, and identify the country.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • New Zealand • India • Ireland
33	[AUDIO]	Listen, and find the answer to the question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At London Zoo. • On the London Underground. • On a ferry from France to England. • On English beaches.

34	Those doughnuts are delicious but I wish they ... so much sugar in them.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • don't put • haven't got • didn't have • wouldn't have
35	As soon as the milk ... , pour it over the chocolate.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will be hot • will boil • boils • boiling
36	A team of scientists ... the building since early this morning. They'll have finished very soon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been decontaminating • has decontaminated • was decontaminating • decontaminated
37	I like children but I don't know ... as a parent.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will I be like • what I'll be like • how will I be • who could I be
38	The accident was his own fault. He ... there was no one behind him before he reversed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should make sure • looked to see if • can't have realised • ought to have checked
39	By the time I ... 50, I think we ... a cure for cancer.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will be ... have found • will have been ... would find • reach ... will find • am ... will have found
40	We know that Colin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • used to teach at Ludford High School • was George's coach in the past • plays sport at a high level • is going to answer this email

41	We know that George		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • likes people to know that he coached Colin • is simply writing to congratulate Colin • doesn't know much about Colin's career • wants Colin to run in a race on Sports Day
42	If Colin agrees to do what George is asking, he will		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only have to spend a short time at the school • need to give a lecture • have to cancel an important match • certainly meet the Mayor or the local MP
43	George doesn't think that Colin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is often asked to do favours and donate money • has to deal with a great many emails every day • remembers his old school with fondness • takes much notice of many of the emails he receives
44	What would be a suitable title for this book?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Death Beneath the Stones' • 'The Mysteries of Japan' • 'Gardening For Beginners' • 'Hollywood Scandals'
45	What do we know about Jake, Petra and Maria?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jake is getting paid for working on the site. • They are all excavating some Medieval ruins. • At least one of the three is a student. • Maria is a new volunteer this year.

46	The skeleton talked about in the passage ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is the first one to be found on this site • was wearing a ring on one of its fingers • was lying on top of two other skeletons • wasn't discovered by a volunteer at the site
47	The passage tells us that ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petra has never met Gemma • the Romans didn't value diamonds highly • Maria was surprised when Gemma said goodbye • Gemma never told anyone she'd lost a ring
48	Jake doesn't think the skeleton is Gemma's because ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there's a modern ring on one of the skeleton's fingers • someone else might have put her ring on the skeleton • Gemma couldn't have been buried so long ago • the other skeletons might have been buried afterwards
49	Since 2021, Juneteenth – or Freedom Day – has been a federal holiday in the USA. What occasion does it commemorate?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The end of British rule. • The end of the civil war. • The end of World War II. • The end of slavery.
50	The ... – the annual championship match of one of the USA's most popular national sports – was watched by 125 million viewers in 2026.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Series • Masters • Super Bowl • US Open

51	The Secretary of State is the American equivalent of the British		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister • Home Secretary • Foreign Secretary • Cabinet Secretary
52	“He's still unconscious,” said the nurse. “I expect he'll ... in about half an hour.”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set up • come to • drop in • pass out
53	“Plain” can mean “obvious”. When we say, “It's as plain as ... ,” we mean, “It's very obvious.”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the fingers on your hand • the nose on your face • the hair on your head • the toes on your feet
54	Albert Einstein was one of the fore... scientists of his time.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • most • saken • front • head
55	The owners of this house don't know the value of their paintings because they've never ... by an expert.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had them looked at • made them valued • been examining them • been seen