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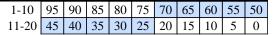
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53)	Horse flies <u>don't</u> like the cold and are most as A. does not	B. cannot		
	C. did not	D. do not		
54)	House flies any 't as a dat wight as they be			
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