Part 5

Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The Penny Black

In 1840, The Penny Black became the **(21)** ..... sticky postage stamp in the world. Before this the **(22)** ..... of posting something in the UK was very expensive. This depended on distance and how many sheets of paper were being sent and was paid by the person receiving the post. The idea of paying in advance was **(23)** ..... to parliament and in 1839 this became law. A **(24)** ..... was held to find the best way of sending post. The first suggestion attempted was a special envelope or 'lettersheet' with a stamp attached, but this wasn't **(25)** ..... and in the end the stamp itself was used with a picture of Queen Victoria and the price – one penny. However, the colour was a problem as it was difficult to cancel the stamp after it had been **(26)** ..... This was eventually changed to red and black ink was used to cancel it.

21	**A** basic	**B** first	**C** beginning	**D** start
22	**A** money	**B** amount	**C** cost	**D** payment
23	**A** recommended	**B** said	**C** played	**D** ordered
24	**A** match	**B** prize	**C** competition	**D** race
25	**A** dear	**B** popular	**C** famous	**D** common
26	**A** near	**B** worn	**C** passed	**D** used

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