**Answers from Tuesday 21.04.20 retrieval questions based on The Cave**

1. Look at paragraph 1. (1 mark)  
   What two things have been waking Mary recently?

Her (young) son and her (workaholic) husband.

1. According to the text, the previous day had been ***long and tiring.*** Why?

Give **three** reasons. (3 marks)

i) Her baby son had been grumpy.  
ii) The heating in the house had broken down.  
iii) The car needed extra repairs.

1. At the end of paragraph 2, Mary mentions two people that she might usually ring for advice. However, she is unable to ring either person. Complete the table below.

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| **Person** | **Reason they are unavailable** |
| Her best friend, Belinda | On holiday. |
| Her sister, Kate | In Kent on a business trip. |

1. Look at the third paragraph which begins: ***As she awoke...***

What scratched Mary’s cheek? (1 mark)

A grain of sand

1. According to the text, after she hit her head, Mary looked for a landmark in the darkness. She then crouched over and began to move. Is the statement below true or false? Explain your answer. (1 mark)

***Mary moved further back into the cave.***

**False**. It says in the text that she moved ‘towards the light’. This would mean she moved towards the entrance of the cave and not further back.

1. As she moved, what did Mary choose to do to stay in control and not panic?

Tell me her strategy and one specific example from the text. (2 marks)

**She thought about specific things in her life** e.g.  
i) the price of children’s clothes  
ii) the baby aardvark at the zoo  
ii) a newspaper report of a missing man  
iv) that her husband was particularly fond of cheesecake

**Award one mark for the correct strategy and one mark for an appropriate example.**

1. What injuries did Mary collect on her journey along the cave? (1 mark)

bumps and scratches on her elbows and shins

1. Look at the first paragraph of page 2. In the text, it says there was no escape to the left of the cave entrance. Why? Give two reasons. (2 marks)

There was a rock ledge but it vanished/petered out after a short distance.  
Also, it was too narrow to walk on.

1. Why were Mary’s hopes dashed? (Tick **one**) (1 mark)
2. The roof had collapsed and blocked the way.
3. She was exhausted and could not carry on.
4. She did not know which tunnel to choose to escape from the cave.
5. **She could see no way out.**
6. Look towards the end of the text. When Mary poked her head out into the abyss, she… (1 mark)
   1. wondered how high up she was;
   2. tried to think of a new plan to get home;
   3. thought about which of the many choices for escape she would pick;
   4. **once more thought about her small number of possible option;**
   5. day-dreamed about who had won *Strictly* this week.