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The London Stock Exchange has been famous as a place for men only, and women used to be strictly forbidden to enter. But the world is changing day by day, and even the Stock Exchange, which seemed to be a men ' s castle, is gradually opening its doors to the other sex. On 16th November 1971, a great decision was taken. The Stock Exchange Council (the body of men that administers the Stock Exchange) decided that women should be allowed onto the new trading floor when it opened in 1973. But the " castle " had not been completely conquered. The first girls to with in " The House " were not brokers or jobbers. They were neither allowed to become partner in stockbroking firms, or to be authorized dealers in stocks and shares. They were simply junior clerks and telephone operators. Women have been trying to get into the Stock Exchange for many years. Several votes have been taken in " The House " to see whether the members would be willing to allow women to become members, but the answer has always been " No. " There have been three refusals of this kind since 1967. Now women are admitted, although in a very Junior capacity. Two forms of jobbers made an application to the Stock Exchange Council to be allowed to employ girl clerks. Permission was finally given. A member of the Stock Exchange explained, after this news had been given, " The new floor is going to be different from the old one. All the jobbers

will have their own stands, with space for a telephone and typewriters. Therefore there will have to be typists and telephone operators. So women must be allowed in. ” This decision did not mean a very great victory in the war for equal rights for women. However, it was a step in the right direction. The Chairman of the new building will eventually lead to women being allowed to have full membership of the Stock Exchange. It is only a matter of time. it must happen.51. The London stock Exchange is famous \_\_\_\_\_.A. for its favorable locationB. for its policy of opening its doors to womenC. because it has been a place for men onlyD. because women are now beginning to enter its doors to work52. Several votes have been taken in “ The House ” \_\_\_\_\_.A. to see if women were willing to become membersB. to decide when women would be allowed into “ The House ” C. to find out whether the members were willing to allow women to become membersD. to decide when to allow women onto the new trading floor53. Which of the following is true?A. Since 1973 women have been allowed to work with the London Stock Exchange.B. Women have always been refused participation in stock trading. C. women were never officially allowed to enter the Stock Exchange. D. Men have been trying to get into the Stock Exchange.54. The author is optimistic that \_\_\_\_\_. A. Women will become junior clerks and telephone operators in the future. B. Women will have full membership of the stock Exchange in the future. C. Women will drive men out of the Stock Exchange. D. Women must become the leaders of the Stock Exchange.55. What is this article about? A. Women ’ s place in society. B. How

the London Stock Exchange functioned in 1971. C. How women have been struggling for full membership of the Stock Exchange. D. How women were gradually allowed to work in the Stock Exchange.

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