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*You have found an inspiring news story online. Read the news story.***Text 3 News story****The inspiring story
of 'the ugliest woman
in the world'**

1 Lizzie Velasquez has a rare disease called Marfan lipodystrophy syndrome, which prevents her from gaining and storing body fat. It makes her look different from other people. When Lizzie was 17, she happened upon a
5 video of herself titled 'The ugliest woman in the world'. Already, it had four million views and thousands of cruel comments from cyberbullies about her appearance.

You are a **MONSTER!**

You shouldn't be alive!
You should die!

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2 When she saw the video and the comments, Lizzie collapsed onto her bedroom floor and wept, unable to fathom how so many people could be so malicious. They say that time heals all wounds, but this wound was deep. Lizzie recovered slowly, and as a part of her healing, decided to start her own
15 Internet channel to share videos of her side of the story. To many, she is now an angel of hope and comfort. She advises her followers, 'Don't give up. Don't ever change who you are to try to be popular or make friends.'

3 These days, Lizzie still gets thousands of comments, but those are encouraging comments from different young people from around the globe,
20 who have endured bullying as well. Lizzie's inspiring story has changed their lives forever. If she can stay strong, so can they.

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Comprehension 3 *Peter is asking you about the news story you have just read. Answer his questions using information from the news story. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 i) What disease does Lizzie have?

ii) How does the disease affect her?

2 What did the cyberbullies make fun of?

3 Complete the summary of paragraph 1. Use ONE word to complete each blank

Four million people _____ on the video about Lizzie before she saw it. She could not believe that the video said she was _____ than anyone else in the world. Commenters compared her to a _____ and said that she deserved to _____. Their _____ shocked Lizzie.



4 What do you think the expression 'time heals all wounds' (line 13) mean?

5 Find a word in paragraph 2 that means 'mean'.

6 Why did Lizzie decide to start her own Internet channel?

7 Who does 'you' refer to in line 17?

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8 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

Lizzie Velasquez tells her followers to _____ give up or change themselves for the sake of _____.



9 How do you think the encouraging comments from her followers make Lizzie feel? Why?

10 Below is a summary of paragraph 3. In three of the lines, there is ONE mistake. If you find a mistake, underline the mistake and replace the word with one that expresses the correct idea. Write the word in the space on the right. If there is no mistake, put a tick (✓) in the space. The first has been done for you.

Summary		Correction
e.g.	Lizzie now gets <u>hundreds</u> of comments from	thousands
i)	elderly people living around the world. Many	
ii)	of these people have also faced bullying, and	
iii)	Lizzie's story has stopped them in their	
iv)	journey to change their lives temporarily.	



11 What do you think people can learn from Lizzie?
