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*You want to know how to help improve the environment. You have found a teenager's blog about reducing waste. Read the blog entry.*

**Text 1 Blog entry**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://anyasworld.greenblogs.com/reducingwaste>. The page title is "Anya's World" and the subtitle is "Green thoughts by Anya Chang". The background image is a black and white photograph of a tractor in a landfill, with the text "Waste not, want not" overlaid in a large, stylized font.

1 Recently, I've been worried about how much of what we purchase ends up in landfills. I would be a hypocrite if I talked to others about this problem without reducing the amount of waste I produce in my own life, so I decided to take some steps myself.

5 2 At a recent upcycling workshop I attended, I constructed a stylish shopping bag out of an old T-shirt. The sleeves were a bit tattered, but it didn't matter. First, I turned the T-shirt inside out. Next, I cut off the sleeves and sewed the bottom together. Finally, I flipped it the right way out. It was like magic! Now, I have a cute new bag for toting my groceries.

10 And the added bonus? I never have to use plastic bags from shops anymore, and I know how to make more as unique and practical gifts for my friends.

15 3 The next day, I volunteered at a food charity, sorting different kinds of food waste. Did you know that about 1/3 of food globally ends up in the rubbish bin instead of in people's stomachs? To me, that is a tragedy since there are starving people around the world. Supermarkets and wet markets often throw away food that hasn't gone off yet, just because it looks imperfect. The charity collects and uses it to make meal boxes which have fed thousands of hungry people.

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**Comprehension 1** Your friends are asking you about the blog entry. Read it and answer their questions. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

1 What is Anya worried about?

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2 What is a 'hypocrite' (line 2)?

A someone who says one thing but does the opposite

B someone who cares deeply about the environment

C someone who likes talking about themselves

A B C D

D someone who is very wasteful

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3 i) At the upcycling workshop, Anya turned a T-shirt 'inside out' (line 7). What does it mean to turn a T-shirt inside out?

A



B



C



D



A B C D

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ii) Why do you think Anya turned the shirt inside out?

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4 Put the steps for making the bag in the correct order. Order the events (1 –4).

Cut the sleeves on the T-shirt.

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Turn the T-shirt the right way out.

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Turn the T-shirt inside out.

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Sew the bottom of the T-shirt together.

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5 Why did it not matter that the sleeves on the T-shirt were tattered?

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**6** What three advantages of making upcycled bags does the writer mention in paragraph 2?

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_

**7** Find words in paragraph 2 that mean the same as the following:

- i) made \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) carrying \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) food purchases \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) useful \_\_\_\_\_

**8** What does 'that' refer to in line 15?

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**9** Why do supermarkets and wet markets throw out food before it goes off?

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**10** What is the purpose of the charity Anya volunteered at?

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**11** Why do you think Anya went to an upcycling workshop and visited a food charity?

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**12** Can you think of another way to reduce food waste? What is it?

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