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You have found an article about upcycling in a lifestyle magazine. Read the article.

Text 3 Magazine article

Adding value and giving life to rubbish



① Over the last few years, upcycling has become a trendy way to reduce waste and create special, one-of-a-kind products. If you love the Earth and like to turn heads with your unique style, then upcycling can give you the best of both worlds.

② Sixteen-year-old Daisy Ng's father runs a quaint little bakery on a busy street. Over the years, Daisy has watched him crack thousands upon thousands of eggs into his batter mixes. One day, Daisy had a brainwave, and asked him to save up hundreds of unwanted eggshells for her to craft into colourful candles to market online. These products quickly found a following, which has led Daisy to repurposing other waste items into ornaments and jewellery. It may have started as just a bit of fun, but Daisy's business is quickly growing into a successful and ethical enterprise.



③ Designer Kevin Cheung has spent hours every day scouring the streets in search of materials and dreaming up designs for upcycled products to sell or show in public. Since 2010, this innovative thinker has created over 20 designs using discarded containers, clothes, furniture and even bicycle wheels! In order to bring his designs to life, Kevin enlists the help of local disabled people. According to Kevin, upcycling presents an opportunity not just to create new items from old, but also to improve relationships in society.

④ However, not everyone understands. Some people believe that Kevin is taking advantage of people, since he doesn't spend money on materials, and yet sells his products at a premium. However, Kevin doesn't mind. If he has to ruffle a few feathers in order to achieve his vision, then so be it. He knows that he's making the world a better place by providing jobs and preventing items from going to a landfill.



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Comprehension 3 You are telling Adam about the magazine article. Answer his questions using information from the article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

- 1 What are the benefits of upcycling according to paragraph 1?
 - i) Environmental: _____
 - ii) Style: _____

- 2 What is the meaning of 'best of both worlds' (line 3)?

- A related to both fashion and the environment
 - B better than anything else on Earth
 - C having the advantages of two different things at the same time
 - D having two major benefits

A B C D

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- 3 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

Daisy Ng's father has _____ thousands of eggs in order to make the batter _____ for different baked goods.

- 4 Find words in paragraph 2 that mean the same as the following:

- i) charming
 - ii) a sudden good idea
 - iii) advertise and offer for sale

- 5 Complete the following advertisement using ideas in paragraph 2. Use ONE word for each blank. Answers must be grammatically correct.

Buy one of these unique candles made by 16-year-old Daisy Ng. The candles, which are made of _____, come in many different _____. Daisy's products already have many _____ because of their great design and price.

- 6 Where does Kevin get the materials for his products?

- 7 According to the article, who makes Kevin's upcycled products?

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8 Do you believe Kevin is 'taking advantage of people'? Why or why not?

9 What does 'ruffle a few feathers' (line 26) mean?

A do things differently than what people expect

B work hard towards a goal

C make several great changes

D make some people angry

A B C D

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10 What are two ways that Kevin believes he is making the world a better place?

i) _____

ii) _____

11 According to the article, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)?

Statements

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NG

i) Daisy Ng is waiting for her first candle sale.

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ii) Kevin Cheung believes upcycling is important.

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iii) Kevin Cheung has a degree in design.

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12 Match the main points (A–D) with one of the paragraphs on the left. Write the correct letter (A–D) on the line next to the paragraph number.

Paragraph no.	Main point
i) Paragraph 1 _____	A Bringing people together with rubbish
ii) Paragraph 2 _____	B Continuing through critique
iii) Paragraph 3 _____	C A new and beneficial trend
iv) Paragraph 4 _____	D Building a business on food waste