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You are doing some research on online shopping. You have found an interesting blog entry. Read the entry.

Text 3 Blog entry

To cheap to be true

① I'm a woman who loves a bargain, so when I saw some extremely cheap clothing on buyhk.com, I went on a bit of a shopping spree. When the parcel arrived however, I honestly thought they sent me the wrong one.

5 ② The description of the blouse I bought said it was 'a gorgeous pink silk creation, one-size-fits-all.' The one I pulled from the box was grey, sleeveless and cotton. It did, however, have the word 'pink silk' printed on it! It was so tiny that I could barely fit into it and couldn't button it up at all! Then I took out the spaghetti top that I'd been so
10 keen on online. As I took it out of the box, my finger slipped through a tear in the fabric. Plus, the straps were only six inches long! Maybe it was meant for a doll instead of a person? My disappointment mounting, I didn't have high hopes as I reached for my next item. In fact, I had to hold my breath as I took it out because the leather
15 boots smelt exactly like a dead rat!

③ All of this was hugely upsetting, but I wasn't about to let my shopping mistakes get the best of me. I decided to see if any of the items could be salvaged.

20 ④ I tried the blouse on my dog Brownie and it fitted like a glove! She wagged her tail happily. Next, I patched up the hole on the spaghetti top and decorated it with colourful buttons. Then I told my four-year-old niece that I had a dress for her. The look on her face made it all worthwhile.

25 ⑤ However, I still have one item left to deal with ... does anyone want a free pair of boots? Maybe you need something for gardening or cleaning out a stable? I'll even pay the shipping to get these smelly things out of my life!

Posted at 19.03

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Comprehension 3 *Your mum is asking you some questions about the blog entry. Answer her questions using information from the blog entry. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 What does 'the wrong one' refer to in lines 3–4?

2 Why did the blogger go on a shopping spree?

3 In what ways was the online description of the blouse different from the actual product? Complete the table.

	Online description	Actual product
Material	(i) _____	(ii) _____
Colour	(iii) _____	(iv) _____
Size	(v) _____	(vi) _____

4 What are TWO things that were wrong with the spaghetti top?

i) _____
ii) _____

5 Find an example of a simile in paragraph 2.

6 What does 'All of this' in line 16 refer to?

7 Find words or expressions in paragraph 2 and 3 that mean the same as the following:

i) really like	_____
ii) hole	_____
iii) increasing	_____
iv) saved	_____

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- 8 Which of the following are given as reasons for why the blogger felt upset? Tick (✓) TWO statements only.

Statements

- i) An item looked like it was second-hand.
- ii) An item did not fit correctly.
- iii) She received fewer items than she had ordered.
- iv) An item had a very bad odour.

- 9 What did the writer mean when she said the blouse 'fitted like a glove' (line 19) on her dog Brownie?

- 10 Did the blogger's niece like her new dress? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

- 11 In which of the following ways did the writer decide to deal with her buyhk.com order? Put a tick (✓) in the correct boxes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ask the shop for a refund | <input type="checkbox"/> regift the items | <input type="checkbox"/> sell the items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> make repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> give away the items online | |

- 12 Put the events in the correct order. Write (1–4) in the boxes provided.

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| The blogger had an idea to fix her order. | _____ |
| The blogger found some great bargains online. | _____ |
| The blogger thought she received the incorrect parcel. | _____ |
| The blogger put a blouse on her dog. | _____ |



- 13 What is the purpose of the text?

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14 Why do you think the blogger suggests using the boots for gardening or cleaning out a stable?



15 Do you think it is better to buy many inexpensive clothes online or fewer expensive ones offline? Justify your response.
