

Answer key

Comprehension 1

1 owning more material possessions

2 unimaginable

3 i)



ii) a vicious cycle (that never ends)

4 They feel more important and respected. (any reasonable answer)

5 it makes people feel that they are better than their actual selves

6 C

7 (i) cluttered

(ii) stuffed

8 B

9 A

10 i) he can save money (any reasonable answer)

ii) it is better for the environment (any reasonable answer)

11 i) 3

ii) 4

iii) 2

iv)

v) 1

12 to give the writer's opinion about overconsumption/consumerism/materialism (any reasonable answer)

13 D

14 The writer thinks that we are living in a society where the ^{media} environment encourages us to ^{more} buy less than we need. People with ^{low} high self-esteem are more likely to overspend and ^{splurge} save their money at shops to make themselves feel ^{better} worse. As a result, they get more ^{depressed} content because they have no money to pay off their ^{debts} credits. To avoid overspending, the writer advises people to ^{think} spend before they ^{spend} think and to understand that money cannot buy ^{happiness} confidence.

- 15 i) compulsive shopping
ii) quick fix
iii) social status