

GRADE 12A — ENGLISH 'CORE' (SEMESTER ONE)

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Retail Therapy (VCB Task)

VERSION A (Marks: 5)

Read the text below. Choose the correct vocabulary option for each gap (1-5).

Many people enjoy shopping, not just because they need things, but as a form of (1) _____ to boost their mood. An (2) _____ person might spend money without worry, but for some, buying things can become a (3) _____ habit that is difficult to control. Businesses know this and use advertising to (4) _____ how we behave. As a (5) _____, it is important to be aware of these traps so we only buy what is necessary.

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| 1. a) export | b) retail therapy | c) ritual |
| 2. a) affluent | b) economic | c) excessive |
| 3. a) location | b) mislead | c) compulsive |
| 4. a) influence | b) export | c) bankrupt |
| 5. a) bankruptcy | b) shopaholic | c) consumer |

VERSION B (Marks: 5)

Read the text below. Choose the correct vocabulary option for each gap (1-5).

My close friend is a self-proclaimed (1) _____ who loves buying new things every single week. Unfortunately, his (2) _____ spending habits quickly started to cause him serious financial problems. In just one year, his personal debt increased (3) _____, eventually putting him at risk of (4) _____. He finally realized that many catchy online advertisements are designed to (5) _____ shoppers into believing they are getting a massive bargain.

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| 1. a) consumer | b) shopaholic | c) location |
| 2. a) excessive | b) economic | c) affluent |
| 3. a) compulsive | b) export | c) dramatically |
| 4. a) bankruptcy | b) ritual | c) influence |
| 5. a) control | b) mislead | c) export |