Vocabulary

I Choose the correct options.

1 When you buy something new, it's best *keep / pay* the receipt.

2 Mum and I *make / do* the food shopping together every Saturday.

3 My favourite store is going to *do / have* a sale next week.

4 It's best to *do / take* some research before buying something expensive.

5 Those trainers will *be / have* on special offer tomorrow.

II Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two extra words.

cola	crisps	flowers	grape	~~jam~~	jeans	milk	perfume

1 Sam's just bought a new pair of _____ .

2 Dad gave Mum an expensive bottle of _____ .

3 Let's get a bunch of _____ to eat after the meal.

4 I'm eating a packet of _____ .

5 We're thirsty. Let's get some cans of _____ .

Grammar

III Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1The rubbish _____ (collect) every Tuesday.
2 Where _____ (your watch / make)?
3 The winners _____ (already / choose) by the judges.
4 My brother _____ (just / give) £50 by our grandparents!
5 Eggs _____ (use) in a lot of recipes.

IV Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1 My grandmother gave me this sweater.
This sweater _____ to me by my grandmother.

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2 How much do they pay you for your Saturday job?
How much _____ for your Saturday job?

3 My brother took these photos.
These photos _____ by my brother.

4 The bookshop has sold all the books I wanted.
The books I wanted _____ by the bookshop.

5 The wind has blown down two trees in our garden!
Two trees in our garden _____ down by the wind.

V Choose the correct options.

1 How *much / many* vegetables shall we buy for dinner?

2 There's *a few / a little* soup left, if you'd like some.

3 Oh no! We haven't got *any / some* eggs for breakfast!

4 I've put too *much / many* spoons of sugar in my tea.

5 *Very few / A few* of my friends like eating boiled cabbage – it's awful!

VI Read the article and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS!
by Environment Correspondent Jack Marshall

In 2011 a new law, the first of its kind in the UK, was passed in Wales. Shops were no longer allowed to give away free plastic bags to their customers. Instead, they had to charge 5p per bag. The money was collected and given to charity. The results were amazing – within a year, the demand for supermarket bags fell by about 96%. The extra charge was enough to get Welsh shoppers to remember to take their own bags whenever they went shopping.

The law was the result of a huge campaign, which was supported by a national newspaper as well as various politicians and also green campaigners. It has become increasingly popular too. When it was introduced, it was supported by about 59% of the Welsh population, but after only six months the figure was 70%.

There is no doubt that plastic bags are bad news for the environment. Every year in the UK, about 18 billion plastic bags are supplied by supermarkets – that's about 290 bags per person. Then, when they have been used (for an average of 20 minutes each) they're thrown away. Some of them end up being buried underground in landfill sites,

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and that's where they do the damage. They remain there for hundreds of years, poisoning the soil and polluting the environment. It's important to remember, too, that before they even reach the shops, the plastic bags have already travelled thousands of miles – many are produced in China or India and then shipped to countries in Europe, including the UK.

The solution to this problem is obvious – stop producing so many plastic bags, and stop giving them away, but shoppers in the UK have been very slow to change their ways. However, the success of the new Welsh law shows that it is possible to change people's shopping habits. According to researchers from Cardiff University, part of the reason for the popularity of the law is that the money it raises goes to charity, not the government. Certainly, hundreds of thousands of pounds have been raised since the law was introduced. The money has gone to a variety of good causes, including local children's charities and wildlife conservation organisations too.

1 The new law meant that in Wales
A customers were no longer allowed to use plastic bags.
B customers needing plastic bags in shops had to pay for them.
C shops stopped supplying plastic bags for customers' shopping.

2 After the law was introduced, many people
A stopped asking for plastic bags in supermarkets.
B refused to accept it at all.
C stopped shopping so much at supermarkets.

3 The article says that every year in the UK,
A 18 billion plastic bags are put into landfill sites.
B almost 300 are used by each supermarket shopper.
C a plastic bag is thrown away every 20 minutes.

4 The new law has been popular in Wales because the money raised
A helps the government.
B goes to a number of good causes.
C is used to teach children about conservation.

5 In this article the writer shows his
A support for the supermarkets.
B sympathy for shoppers.
C approval of the new law.

VII You recently bought something online. When the product arrived, you found there was a problem with it. Write an email of complaint to the company. In your email you should:

- describe what you bought
- explain what is wrong with it
- say what you would like the store to do.

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Write about 100 words.

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