Grammar exercises

***TASK 1.** Complete the text by putting the verb in brackets in the correct tense: Past Simple or Present Perfect.*

The growth of online shopping

Last month, more than half of all Internet users _____ (buy) at least one item online. Overall, the volume of online shopping _____ (increase) by 60% over the past two years.

Two years ago, about 19 million people in the UK _____ (shop) online. Since then, the number of online shoppers _____ (go) up dramatically by about 40% and the average spend per year _____ (increase) to over £700.

One of the most popular online purchases is clothes. The number of Internet users buying clothes _____ (grow) by 30% during 2015-17, and clothes sales _____ (continue) to increase steadily since then.

Food products _____ (make) up nearly 60% of all online purchases last year. Online food sales _____ (rise) from 30% to 50% since two years ago, and supermarkets _____ (have) great success recently with special promotions and food delivery services.

***TASK 2.** Part 1. A journalist is interviewing her country's finance minister. Match the beginnings and endings of her questions. Write letters A-E in front of each question.*

	1. What's	A the low exchange rate of our currency help exports?
	2. What's the	B our population increase last year above the normal birth rate?
	3. Why does	C behind the increase in unemployment during the past year?
	4. How	D do you explain the increase in inflation?
	5. Why did	E reason for the improvement in our balance of trade figures?

Part 2. Now match the beginnings and endings of the minister's replies. Write numbers 1-5 in front of each question.

	a. This is due	1 because when the value of our currency is lower, we earn more from what we sell abroad.
	b. This is because	2 result of small companies closing down and bigger companies cutting jobs. I'm sure things will improve.
	c. This is the	3 by increased immigration and decreased emigration.
	d. This was caused	4 of increased exports, thanks to higher productivity and lower exchange rates.
	e. This is	5 to higher prices and salary increases.

Part 3. Finally, match the journalist's questions in Part 1 (1-5) with the minister's replies in Part 2 (a-e).

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

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