

## Reading Comprehension Passage 6

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Low-income online Americans are more likely to see the risks of online shopping than herald the time-saving or convenience benefits of using the internet to shop. Internet users who live in lower-income households defined as households with annual incomes below \$25,000 are less likely to trust the e-commerce environment. Their concerns about their financial safety online make them reluctant to make full use of e-shopping. Their attitudes about online shopping stand in sharp contrast to those of upper income online Americans. The big picture: Shopping on the internet has become commonplace among internet users for a number of different activities connected to researching and doing transactions online.

Almost all internet users (93%) have at one time or another done something related to e-commerce. That is, they have used the internet to research products and services, make purchases, book travel, trade stocks, or participate in auctions. On any given day, more than a quarter of internet users (26%) are doing something online related to e-commerce.

### Questions

1. The author argues that unlike what has been suggested that using the internet to shop is time-saving and has convenience benefits:
  - a) 93% of all internet users don't believe this is true.
  - b) 26% of all internet users don't believe this is true.
  - c) Upper income online Americans don't believe this is true.
  - d) Low-income online Americans don't believe this is true.

**2. According to author which group is less likely to trust the e-commerce environment?**

- a) Low-income Americans**
- b) Almost all internet users.**
- c) Households with annual incomes below \$25,000.**
- d) 26% of all internet users.**

**3. The main point of paragraph is to describe:**

- a) The low-income American attitudes about online shopping.**
- b) The upper income American attitudes about online shopping**
- c) The attitudes of all Internet users about online shopping**
- d) The American attitudes about online shopping.**

4. Which of the followings could be TRUE from the above text?
- a) The concerns about their financial safety online make upper-income households reluctant to make full use of e-shopping
  - b) Shopping on the Internet is normal among Internet users for a number of different activities.
  - c) Internet users who live in lower-income households defined as those with annual incomes above \$25,000.
  - d) Almost all Americans (93%) have at one time or another done something related to e-commerce.

5. The author claims that on any given day number of people who are doing something online with respect to e-commerce is:

- a) Twice a quarter.
- b) Half a quarter.
- c) Above a quarter.
- d) Almost a quarter.

## Answers

1 ==> 4

2 ==> 3

3 ==> 4

4 ==> 2

5 ==> 3