Label Analysis Problems

You are shopping for the items listed in the problems. Read the information given on the labels and hangtags. Decide which buy would be best for the situation.

Problem 1. You are looking for a blouse for your mother's birthday. You have found three printed blouses you think she might like. Which one would you buy? What characteristics of the fabrics influenced your decision?

BLOUSE 1

Imported gauze cloth 100% cotton Machine or hand wash cool Hang dry—medium iron \$28.00

BLOUSE 2

Made in China 100% pure silk satin Dry clean only Marked down from \$42.00 to \$24.00

BLOUSE 3

65% polyester/35% cotton broadcloth Machine wash warm Tumble dry Do not bleach Warm iron if necessary \$22.00

Problem 2. You need a casual shirt to wear with jeans. You have \$10.00 to spend and have found three shirts on sale for just under \$10.00. Which shirt would you buy? Why?

SHIRT 1

Interlock knit 100% cotton Rib-knit collar and cuff Hemmed bottom Machine wash, tumble dry Imported from Korea

SHIRT 2

Interlock knit 65% polyester/35% cotton Rib-knit collar and cuffs Hemmed bottom Machine wash, tumble dry Imported from Korea

SHIRT 3

Terrycloth knit 100% polyester Rib-knit collar Hemmed sleeves and bottom Machine wash, tumble dry Imported from the Philippines

Problem 3. You need new lawn chairs for your deck. You will leave them outside all summer. Which chairs would you choose? Why?

CHAIR 1

Woven fabric cover Vinyl coated polyester cord Aluminum frame \$19.99

CHAIR 2

Woven strapping 100% polypropylene Aluminum frame \$14.99

CHAIR 3

14 oz. woven canvas 100% cotton Aluminum frame \$24.99

Problem 4. You need new curtains for your room. You have found three pairs you like that cost about the same amount. Which curtains would you buy? Why?

CURTAIN 1

100% cotton exclusive of ornamentation
Permanent Press
Wash in lukewarm water, gentle cycle, mild soap
Do not use bleaching agent
Tumble dry gentle, hang immediately
\$8.97

CURTAIN 2

100% Dacron polyester Permanent press Machine wash in warm water, delicate cycle Use mild detergent Drip dry

CURTAIN 3

50% Kodel polyester/
50% rayon
Wash in warm water, not
over 160 degrees
Use mild detergent and short
wash cycle
Never use bleach
If ironing, use a medium
warm heat setting.
\$9.97

Problem 5. Your mother wants a new rug for the bathroom. She has asked you to shop for her and choose three good ones. She will buy one of the three you recommend. Explain what features are good and poor about the three rugs listed below.

RUG 1

100% nylon pile
Tufted-in pattern
Finished edges
Latex backing
Machine wash, tumble dry

RUG 2

100% polyester pile Sculptured pile Finished edges Latex backing Machine wash, tumble dry

RUG 3

100% cotton loop pile Finished edges Cotton backing Machine wash, tumble dry