

Write the correct answers below

EXTRACT FROM THE **STATEMENT** OF LEONA MILLER

Leona Miller will **say**;

I live with my partner, Samuel, at Flat 1, Coppice View, Ravensthorpe. I am a cook at a local firm of **solicitors**.

On 7 September 2012 I was out shopping with my sister, Rebecca **Lewis** in Wainwright’s department store. The purpose of our shopping trip was to buy presents for my **neice**, Charlotte (**Rebeccas’** daughter) whose eighteenth birthday is on 14 October. Charlotte was not with us at the time because we wanted the presents to be a surprise. We had been in the store for about thirty minutes and had looked at a variety of leather coats. Rebecca called me over to look at a coat she **particulary** liked. It was black in colour and was full length. Its cost was £950 and my sister was willing to pay this sort of money because it was a special birthday.

On the shelf next to the coat rack was a range of leather clutch bags. One of them **were** in a bright red leather and caught my eye because of its small size and soft finish.

I said to Rebecca, “I would like to buy this clutch bag for Charlotte. She would really like it.”

Rebecca agreed with me and thought it would be a perfect gift for her **daughter?**

However when I opened the bag I saw it was priced at £130. I never thought it would be so expensive. My sister went to the pay desk to purchase the leather coat. Then I **dont** know what came over me, but I put the clutch bag into my shopping bag when I thought no one was looking. I then continued to peruse the other goods in the **departement**. When my sister had paid for the coat she came over to me and asked me if I was going to buy the clutch bag.

I replied, “No, I have seen a very pretty belt that I would like to buy her **instead.’**

I then took the belt I had selected to the pay desk to pay for it. I made sure the clutch bag was out of **cite** at the bottom of my shopping bag.

We walked out of the store together and were only just outside the store when I was approached by a young man wearing an official security **officers’** uniform. He stopped right in front of me and asked me to **acompany** him back to the store. He told me that he was one of **Wainwrights’** store detectives and showed me his ID. He accused me of taking a leather clutch bag out of the store without paying for it.

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I will never forget the awful **embarrassment** of that moment and the look of **disbelief** on my **sisters** face.

embarrassment

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sister's

Rebecca shouted to the detective, "This is a big mistake. My sister would never **steal** a thing."

steal

At that time I didn't say a word but followed the **Detective** back into the store where he took me into a small office. When he asked me to empty the contents of my shopping bag I had no choice but to remove the clutch bag and put it on the desk in front of me. He said I had **committed** an offence by taking the clutch bag out of the store without paying for it and that he intended to call the police.

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I admitted to stealing the bag. I know it was a foolish thing to have done but I was at my wit's end. My partner was made **redundant** six months ago and cannot find another job. I am constantly worried about our financial situation as we are going deeper and deeper in debt. I am taking an anti-**depressant** drug which the doctor prescribed to help me with my anxiety. At the time of taking the clutch bag I was not in a fit state of mind.

redundant

depressant

There is no way I would have stolen the clutch bag if I had been in a good state of mental health. I am a cook at a local firm of solicitors and am concerned that my reputation and job will be at stake. I work alongside **baristers**, solicitors and well respected legal **personel**. I do not wish, and had not intended, to tarnish their good name.

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In retrospect I know I should not have done what I did. I sincerely hope that my one stupid mistake will not prove to be my **downfall**

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