1) Match the idioms with the definitions.
1. cost an arm and a leg A. using very little money
2. tighten your belt B. make a big profit
3. save for a rainy day C. having a lot of money
4. rip sb off D. cheat sb by charging too much money for sth
5. make ends meet E. have only enough money to survive
6. make a killing F. save money for a time when you really need it
7. rolling in money/it G. extremely cheap
8. dirt cheap H. be very expensive
9. on a shoestring I. have just enough money to buy what you need
10. live from hand to mouth J. spend less money than usual

2) Choose the right answer: a, b or c.
1. If you buy something that's dirt cheap, the quality will probably
   a) be excellent b) be very low c) be quite important
2. Sarah will have to tighten her belt because she's
   a) lost her job b) short of time c) been losing her weight
3. My new car cost me an arm and a leg, it is
   a) very cheap b) very expensive c) very ugly
4. My friend made a killing when he sold his business, so he
   a) had no money b) lost a lot of money c) made a fortune
5. How much did you say you paid for your computer? You've been ripped off and you've
   a) lost a lot of money b) found a lot of money c) inherited a lot of money

3) Fill in the gaps with money idioms from ex.1)
1. Sam doesn't earn a great deal, but they manage to ______________.
2. Money started ___________ in and the business grew and grew.
3. Our schools are still running on ______________.
4. Some people __________________ with barely enough money for basics like food and heating.
5. Ted got this bike _______________ at a car boot sale.
6. Mr. Smith __________________ selling property in that country.

4) Match the two halves of other money idioms and then explain their meaning.
1. come into A. one’s pocket
2. dip into your B. feed
3. be in C. butter
4. look like D. savings
5. chicken E. to riches
6. from rags F. some money
7. to bring home G. a song
8. bread and H. debt
9. burn a hole in I. a million dollars
10. buy sth for J. the bacon
KEY

Exercise 1)

Exercise 2)
1. b    2. a     3. b     4. c     5. a

Exercise 3)
1. make ends meet
2. rolling
3. a shoestring
4. live from hand to mouth
5. dirt cheap
6. made a killing

Exercise 4)

1. come into some money - be given some money, usually after a relative has died
2. dip into your savings - spend some money that you had put aside to use later
3. to be in debt - owe money to somebody
4. look like a million dollars - look extremely attractive or prosperous
5. chicken feed - small amount of money
6. from rags to riches - refers to a person who was poor and became rich
7. to bring home the bacon - to earn money for a family to live on
8. bread and butter - a basic means of support; source of livelihood
9. burn a hole in one’s pocket - a person is eager to spend money, normally in a wasteful manner
10. buy something for a song - to buy something for little money, especially for less than the money something is worth