Question 3

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| **Ranking** | **Seller** | **Rating** | **Sales** |
| 1 | MiamiVice | 96 | 2965 |
| 2 | LuckySupply | 97 | 1088 |
| 3 | fullzipp | 95 | 975 |
| 4 | GoldApple | 97 | 877 |
| 5 | tomandjerry | 97 | 872 |
| 6 | trusteelucky | 92 | 804 |
| 7 | WA2018 | 100 | 558 |
| 8 | bearft2 | 99 | 455 |
| 9 | Hackboy | 97 | 451 |
| 10 | Cannabuds | 99 | 407 |

The top 10 sellers concerning our searched posts reveal to be the list shown above. The rank is given based on their amount of sales, as their ratings are all very high and thus was neglected.

Question 4

The black market we took a look at had some very interesting items; hard drugs, fake identities and guides to scam people, to name a few. We picked 3 items that we found the most interesting out of all the results and so we will describe our thought process alongside them.

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| Post Name | Legality | chategory | Our chategory | Seller | | Shipping from |
| Rechargable Vape battery | Legal | Concentrates | Other | THETHCDOCTOR1 | GB |

Afbeelding met tekst, monitor, schermafbeelding, scherm

Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving

The first interesting product we found was a rechargeable vape battery. It seems like a very strange item to sell on the black market as a vape battery, at least in the Netherlands, would be completely legal to buy. It might be an offer targeted at Asian countries as for example China is very strict on the rules about sale of E Cigarettes.

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| Post Name | Legality | chategory | Our chategory | Seller | Shipping from |
| 500g Jack 47 (Jack Herer X AK-47 strains) 2450 £ | Illegal | Buds & Flowers | Soft Drugs | maurelius | ES |

Afbeelding met tekst

Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijvingThe second interesting product that was found was a post for 500g of AK-47, which is a strain of weed. The fact that weed is being sold on the black market is not too surprising, especially if it’s sold from the Netherlands. However, what made this offer stand out is the fact that the seller is selling 500g of this strain. Usually what is being sold would range from about 2 to 30 grams. Another reason the volume surprised us was that in general the amount a plant can produce can range by a lot of factors like if its an indoor or outdoor plant and the amount of light it gets, but what is important to remember here is that the more plants in one space the less they produce. 500 grams is a lot of weed to own and sell at the same time. It is legal In the Netherlands to own up to 5 plants, and to possess 5 grams of weed and from sources, we have also found out that owning above 30g of weed can lead to about 2 years of jailtime and a fine. Therefore we find the amount of 500g of weed quite surprising.

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| Post Name | Legality | category | Our category | Seller | Shipping from |
| ORIGINAL GUCCI WALLET | Depends | Other | Other | Feggmann | US |

Afbeelding met tekst

Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving

We found this final product interesting because we felt like it was very unnecessary for it to be sold on the black market. If this product is original as the seller claims it is, then why can they not sell it anywhere else, even on a regular website? People constantly sell stuff for cheaper in kiosks and on “shady” websites online, or even Facebook marketplace, so why go to the extent of the black market? If this wallet is fake and not original, does the seller expect the buyers to fall for this, assuming that people who buy things on the black market have some level of intelligence and can figure out what is safe to buy and what is not. It seems that a regular customer on the black market would not fall for such a scam, then what is the purpose of this listing on this website?

Question 5

*Other table*

For the top 3 sellers that should be investigated by the police we choose sellers that shipped their products from the Netherlands. These would be a good starting point as the rest would be harder to investigate. We came up with 15 sellers that all shipped their products from the Netherlands. Some of them sold soft drugs like weed and those we left those people out. After which we were left with a few “Dutch” sellers that sold hard drugs and medication. These products ranged from Cocaine to huge amounts of Xanax. Together with the products they sold we also considered their sales and rating. This led us to the three sellers in the table below. These three sellers seemed like a good starting point.

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| **ranking** | **Seller** | **Rating** | **Sales** |
| 5 | tomandjerry | 97 | 872 |
| 11 | DrugzFromNL | 93 | 385 |
| 31 | MickeyMouseNLL | 91 | 200 |