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Reading Worksheet

Units: 1/2/3

Read the following passage , then answer the questions below:

Organic food is very **popular** these days. It can also be very expensive. Some organic food costs twice as much as non-organic food. Parents of young children, and even some pet owners, will pay high prices for organic food if they think it's healthier. But many others think organic food is just a waste of money.

There is one main difference between organic and non-organic food. Organic farms do not use agricultural chemicals such as pesticides that stop insects from damaging crops. In many countries, foods that claim to be organic must have special labels that guarantee they're grown organically.

Some people think organic also means "locally grown", and originally this was true. But over time organic farming has become big business, with many organic foods now being grown by large agricultural companies that sell their products far from where they're grown. Processed food made with organic ingredients has also become more popular. At first, only small companies produced these products. But as demand overtook supply, big food companies that had been selling non-organic products for many years also began selling organic products. Small organic food companies found it difficult to compete with these big companies, and many didn't stay in business much longer.

Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate. Many farmers and consumers believe it is. **They** think agricultural chemicals can cause serious illnesses like cancer, but there isn't much evidence proving this is true. However recent studies have shown that eating organically-grown produce reduces your chances of developing heart disease.

A) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

1. What is the best title for this passage?

- agricultural chemicals
- Organic and non-organic food
- Locally grown food
- Heart diseases

2. What is the " *antonym*" of the underlined word " **popular**"?

- a. unknown b. uneasy c. unbelievable d. unsafe

3. The underlined pronoun " **They**" in line (19) refers to.....

- a. parents of young children
b. food companies
c. agricultural chemicals
d. farmers and consumers

4. What is the main difference between organic and non-organic food?

- a. the use of pesticides
b. the size of companies
c. the location of farms
d. the waste of money

5. The writer's purpose of writing this passage is to:

- a. make big companies to sell organic food.
b. call for producing more agricultural chemicals.
c. encourage us to eat organic food.
d. convince us to have pet animals.

6. According to the passage, all the following statements are **NOT True Except:**

- a. Processed food made with organic ingredients is no longer in the markets.
b. Many small organic food companies can't do business easily.
c. Pet owners never pay high prices for organic food.
d. Insects usually help the crops to grow well.

b. Answer the following questions:

7. Scientists advise us to eat organic products rather than as non-organic food. **Why?**

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8. What are the dangers of using agriculture chemicals in growing crops?

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