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The Second Term English Language Test

Reading.

A. Comprehension.

Read the text then do the activities that follow.

Health issues are key concerns for modern society. Both public authorities and consumers display a significant interest towards this issue. Although technology generates economic development, we should also consider its impact on the natural resources of the planet due to the fact that this process implies the use of chemicals in food.

Chemicals in products may have a significant impact on both human health and the well-being of the planet, as these remain for a long time in the environment. Together with pollution and depletion of natural resources, it is a key concern for many citizens. Chemicals are present in almost all manufactured, especially the food we consume. With many citizens concerned about food safety, this has become a subject of interest not only for policy-makers, but also for non-governmental organizations advocating for the necessity of increased awareness by consumers.

It can also be argued that chemicals are essential for the development of a modern society and that their use can bring substantial benefits, such as an increased crops production and enhanced pest and disease control in agricultural practices. However, it is obvious that, aside from these benefits, there are negative effects that damage our biological system and cannot be neglected.

Adapted from Soon, Jan Mei. "Consumers' Awareness and Trust toward Food Safety News on Social Media in Malaysia." Journal of Food Protection, Elsevier, 17 Feb. 2020,

1. Say whether the following statements are true or false.

- Our food remains unaffected by the use of technology.
- The presence of chemicals in the environment is short-lived.
- Consumers' awareness about food safety is vital to their well-being.
- The use of chemicals may have some valuable outcomes.

2. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- Is technology a source of worry on the planet's natural resources?
- Why are chemicals considered dangerous towards human health?
- Mention some advantages of using chemicals.

3. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- its (§1)
- these (§2)

4. Identify the type of discourse.

The text is.....

- narrative
- argumentative
- prescriptive

B. Text Exploration.

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following.

- a. progress (§1) b. ignored (§3)

2. Give the opposites of the following words keeping the same root.

- a) order b) qualify c) legal d) doubtful

3. Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

- 1) a- Though chemicals may have some benefits, their drawbacks should not be overlooked.
b- Despite.....
- 2) a- If consumers aren't mindful of their eating habits, they may face many health risks.
b- Unless.....

4. Fill in the gaps with words from the list given.

products - illnesses - regulations - health

Food safety is a paramount aspect of public(1)..... and well-being. Ensuring the safety of the food supply chain involves rigorous measures to prevent contamination, spoilage, and the spread of foodborne(2)..... Stringent(3)..... and monitoring processes are in place at every stage, from production and processing to distribution and consumption, to guarantee that food(4)..... meet established safety standards.