

**Task 2 – Multi-text reading**

In this section there are four short texts for you to read and some questions for you to answer.

**Questions 16-20 (one mark per question)**

Read questions 16-20 first and then read texts A, B, C and D below the questions.

As you read each text, decide which text each question refers to. **Choose one letter – A, B, C or D – and write it on the lines below.** You can use any letter more than once.

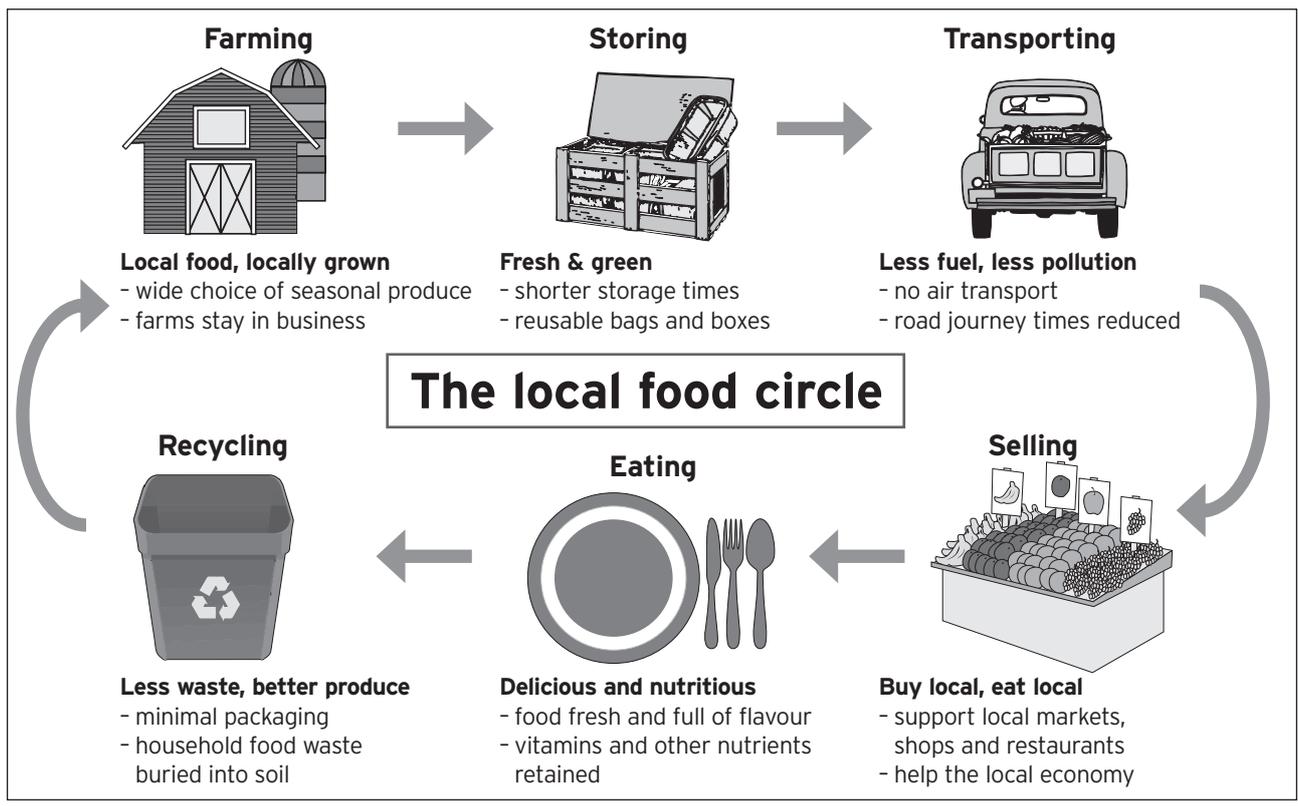
Which text

- 16. suggests people buy local food because it tastes better? .....
- 17. criticises the idea that people could return to producing food on small farms? .....
- 18. suggests that local food production can reduce illness and increase well-being? .....
- 19. explains that the different stages in the production of local food are connected? .....
- 20. compares farming in the last century with the popularity of farming nowadays? .....

**Text A**

Some countries are significant producers of local food, others less so. The local food movement is a campaign started in countries which import more food than in the past. In America, for example, in the 1900s over 40 per cent of the population lived on farms, whereas in 2000 the figure was 1 per cent. Nowadays, in such areas, the local food movement wants a shift back towards small-scale farming and locally-supplied food. This is an alternative to imported food, where producers are separated from consumers by 'food miles', resulting in long journey times. Although some big supermarkets stock local food, this is not the main trend as customers still want a wide choice of foods all year round. With local growing, the buyer can purchase food from the farmer in person or online, or from local shops. The farmer retains more money, which has a positive impact on local economies as money is kept within a region.

**Text B**



**Text C**

***I interviewed Jane Gold, a supporter of local food, for Green Magazine:***

***Why do you support the local food movement, Jane?***

'Well, some countries rely too much on imported food. The effect of transporting food long distances obviously damages the environment, so eating local food is something we should all do to tackle the

problem of greenhouse gases. Locally grown food is also better for us.

That's another reason why people should buy it. Vitamin levels in food fall quite soon after picking, and large farms often use more chemicals than smaller ones. The change has been incredible. I always used to get colds and now I never do since I've been eating such good food – I feel fantastic!

**Text D**



**Robert:** Going back to small-scale farming is incredibly unrealistic.



**Joseph:** I disagree! I'm a farmer in Kenya, in Africa, and my family has always grown its own food.



**Robert:** And do you export food, too?



**Joseph:** Yes, I grow beans, corn and bananas for export. The money helps my family and the local and national economies.



**Robert:** I'm sure. We'd have a very limited choice in Northern Scotland if we didn't import food. Local farmers couldn't produce enough for everyone in the area, so we couldn't do without food from abroad.



**Joseph:** Aren't people worried about the effect transporting food has on the environment?



**Robert:** Yes, but the environmental effect of transportation is actually not that high. In fact, the amount of greenhouse gases emitted in producing food locally is more than in the transportation of food. Apparently, cattle on open land produce more greenhouse gas than cows kept inside on large-scale farms.



**Joseph:** Well, sending our produce abroad is great for us.



**Robert:** And for us!

**Questions 21-25 (one mark per question)**

Choose the **five statements** from A-H below that are **TRUE** according to the information given in the texts above. Write the letters of the **TRUE** statements on the lines below (in any order).

- 21. ....
- 22. ....
- 23. ....
- 24. ....
- 25. ....

- A US local food supporters want a return to farming levels of the 1900s.
- B Supermarkets generally support the local food movement.
- C Local farmers may use technology to help sell their food directly.
- D Storage times and the amount of packaging decrease with local farming
- E Small farms sometimes use chemicals when producing their food.
- F Jane believes there's been a slight improvement in her health and mood.
- G The transportation of food damages the environment less than food production.
- H Both Robert and Joseph agree that exporting food to other countries is a good idea.

**Questions 26-30 (one mark per question)**

The summary notes below contain information from the texts on pages 4 and 5. Find a word or phrase from texts A-D to complete the missing information in gaps 26-30.

Write your answers on the lines below.

**Summary notes****Aims of local food movement:**

- to raise levels of production and sales of local food
- a return to **(26.)** ..... and delivery of local food

**Imported vs local food:**

- Imported food: increased food miles between farmers and customers leads to **(27.)** .....
- Local food: bought direct from farmers
- Less time in storage after picking means higher **(28.)** .....

**Local food:**

- Fresher and tastier
- Fewer food miles by **(29.)** ..... and road

**But:**

- Greenhouse gases emitted in food production
- Insufficient locally farmed food: people in remote areas are unable to **(30.)** ..... imported food