

QUESTION 56

First Lady Michelle Obama's White House garden has been an effort to

- a) transform America's economy.
- b) promote America's food industry.
- c) change the way Americans eat.
- d) encourage Americans to cook at home.

QUESTION 57

The word **nevertheless** in "**Nevertheless**, despite increasing public awareness..." (paragraph 2) indicates

- a) addition.
- b) contrast.
- c) conclusion.
- d) reason.

QUESTION 58

The problem with organic food is that it is _____ than conventional food.

- a) more expensive and more difficult to find
- b) healthier and extremely more caloric
- c) more fattening and harder to digest
- d) more harmful and more dangerous

QUESTION 59

The word **they** in "...**they** face a future..." refers to

- a) animals.
- b) soils.
- c) Americans.
- d) plants.

QUESTION 60

Unless Americans radically rethink the way they grow and consume food,

- a) they will radically improve their way of living.
- b) they will have problems with their land and health.
- c) their life will continue the same for a long time.
- d) their habits will make them famous worldwide.

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Read the following passage and choose the option which best completes each question, according to the text:

Getting Real About the High Price of Cheap Food

Horror stories about the food industry have been with us since 1906, when Upton Sinclair's novel *The Jungle* told ugly truths about how America produces its meat. Nowadays, things have got much better, and in some ways much worse. The U.S. agricultural industry can now produce unlimited quantities of meat and grains at remarkably cheap prices. But it does so at a high cost to the environment, animals and humans. Some of those hidden prices are the erosion of fertile farmland and the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria among farm animals.

Some Americans are noticing such warnings and working to transform the way the country eats — farmers who are raising sustainable food in ways that don't ruin the earth. Documentaries and the work of journalists are reprising Sinclair's work, awakening a sleeping public to the realities of how we eat. Change is also coming from the very top. First Lady Michelle Obama's White House garden has so far raised a lot of organic produce — and tons of powerful symbolism. Nevertheless, despite increasing public awareness, sustainable agriculture, remains a tiny enterprise: according to recent data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, less than 1% of American cropland is farmed organically. Sustainable food is also pricier than conventional food and harder to find.

Unless Americans radically rethink the way they grow and consume food, they face a future of eroded farmland and high health costs. Sustainable food has an elitist reputation, but each of us depends on the soil, animals and plants. And as every farmer knows, if you don't take care of your land, it can't take care of you. By **BRYAN WALSH** Friday, Aug. 21, 2009.

(Adapted from: <http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1917458,00.html>.)

QUESTION 54

Upton Sinclair's novel *The Jungle* was the first to

- a) call people's attention to the quality of food produced in America.
- b) instruct Americans on how to produce and sell better meat.
- c) deal with the problems concerning America's food industry profits.
- d) tell horror stories that led to the change of agricultural industry.

QUESTION 55

Today, the production of meat and grains in the U.S. is

- a) insufficient.
- b) limited.
- c) decreasing.
- d) enormous.

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