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A. fried chicken and sandwiches

B. hot dogs and hamburgers

C. chicken and fish

D. fruits and vegetables

2. What does this passage describe?

A. This passage describes a grocery store where people can buy cheap organic food.

B. This passage describes a market where people can buy fresh, healthy food.

C. This passage describes a poor neighborhood in the South Bronx where it is dangerous to shop.

D. This passage describes a man who uses food stamps from the government to buy apples.

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What evidence from the passage supports this statement?

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D. Mamie Jackson likes the fresh look of produce at the market and washes dirt off the cucumbers she buys there.

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4. Based on information in the passage, what is a reason that some people shop at the farmers market in Mott Haven?

A. The fruits and vegetables at the farmers market are fresher than the fruits and vegetables at grocery stores.

B. There are not enough grocery stores in the Mott Haven neighborhood to supply the people there with all the food they need.

C. People in Mott Haven are tired of food from sandwich shops and fried chicken joints, so they are going to the farmers market instead.

D. The produce from grocery stores in the Mott Haven neighborhood is making people sick, so they are looking for new places to shop.

5. What is this passage mainly about?

A. food stamps and other government food assistance

- B. a vegetarian named Jennifer Gillette who likes fresh lettuce
- C. a farmers market in a neighborhood of New York City
- D. the health risks of eating fruit and vegetables from grocery stores

6. Read the following sentence: "Mamie Jackson also likes going to the farmers market. She said that she likes the fresh look of the **produce** at the market, which looks different from what the grocery stores sell."

What does the word produce mean in the sentence above?

- A. food that has been grown by farming
- B. items that have been made in factories
- C. meat or fish that has been cooked by a chef
- D. products that are built and sold in large numbers

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7. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below.

- A. instead
- B. consequently
- C. previously
- D. including
- 8. What is the Youthmarket?

9. Name at least two reasons given by people in the passage for shopping at the Mott Haven farmers market instead of at a grocery store.

10. Suppose that the Youthmarket set up a farmers market in another neighborhood where there was no farmers market before. Would people living in that neighborhood be likely to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables because of the farmers market? Explain why or why not, using evidence from the passage.

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The Youthmarket is part of a larger organization called GrowNYC, which helps make neighborhoods better by setting up farmers markets, community gardens, and recycling in New York City.

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Students may name such reasons as the freshness of the produce, government assistance, the healthiness of the food, and the lower price of some of the food compared with that in grocery stores.

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Students may argue that people in the neighborhood would be likely to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, pointing out that a farmers market could make fresh produce more accessible and affordable to residents. Students may also argue that people in the neighborhood would not be likely to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables. Students may point out that the neighborhood could already have plenty of grocery stores with fresh fruits and vegetables at low prices and that in a rich neighborhood, government assistance would probably not contribute to people buying fresh produce from a farmers market.