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*Your friend Adam has written a letter to the editor of a local newspaper. Read his article.*

### Text 2 Letter to the editor

#### Letter to the editor - Growing a better future

Dear Editor,

① I read an article titled 'Do you know where your dinner came from?' by Adrian Chang in your newspaper last week. I find it unacceptable that we import 90 per cent of our food in Hong Kong.  
5 It is true that we live in an urban jungle, but there are actually a lot of suitable areas for growing food, such as rooftops and vacant lots, and we must utilize them if we hope to be less reliant on foreign produce.

② Urban farming is a useful weapon in the battle against global warming. Transporting food by container ships and aeroplanes  
10 across the globe produces a lot of carbon dioxide, which is the main cause of global warming. We can reduce this harmful gas by growing food ourselves. The plants do not just produce food. They also produce oxygen for us to breathe and absorb sunlight to make  
15 hot summer days more bearable.

③ Urban farming is good for our health too. Food imported from other countries is often harvested before it is ripe, and it may lose its nutrients during its lengthy journey to our plates. Farming in the city means we will always have fresh and healthy food.

④ We also should not forget about the economic benefits. By  
20 farming food within our city limits, we are supporting local businesses. Some urban farms even employ homeless people as labourers, so there is a social benefit as well.

⑤ We have already done a great deal of harm to the environment  
25 and to our own health, and we need to make a change before it is too late. Let us grow a better future together with urban farming.

Yours faithfully,

Adam Lin

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**Comprehension 2**     *You have shown Adam's letter to your parents and they have asked you some questions about it. Answer their questions using information from the letter. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

- 1 How do you think Adam felt after reading the newspaper article? Use information from the text to justify your response.

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- 2 According to the letter to the editor, are the following statements True **(T)**, False **(F)** or Not Given **(NG)**?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Adrian Chang's article appeared in the newspaper one week previously.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) According to the article 'Do you know where your dinner came from?', Hong Kong produces only 10% of its own food.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Hong Kong imports more food than most countries in the world.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) Adam says that Hong Kong is like a tropical jungle.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- 3 What are two areas where Adam suggests we could grow food in the city?

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_



- 4 Adam uses metaphors to explain his ideas in paragraph 2. What does he compare the following ideas to?

i) Urban farming: \_\_\_\_\_

ii) Stopping global warming: \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 What does 'this harmful gas' (line 12) refer to?

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**6** What benefits of growing food are mentioned in paragraphs 2–3? Tick (✓) all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> more nutritious food | <input type="checkbox"/> cheaper fruits and vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> more variety of food   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> produce oxygen       | <input type="checkbox"/> absorb heat from the sun      | <input type="checkbox"/> create food for people |

**7** According to the letter to the editor, what are two reasons that food from overseas may be less nutritious?

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_

**8** What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

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**9** Find a word in paragraph 4 that has a similar meaning to 'financial'.

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**10** According to paragraph 4, what is a social benefit of urban farming?

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**11** What is Adam's purpose of writing his letter to the editor?

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**12** Do you think there are any disadvantages to urban farming? Explain your answer.

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