

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space (A, B, C or D).

VEGETARIANISM



Until recently, vegetarianism was fairly uncommon in Britain, and it is still considered strange by some. But since the 1960s, its popularity has increased greatly, to the (1) _____ that high street stores stock a huge variety of products for vegetarians.

The reasons people give for not eating meat are (2) _____. Perhaps most vegetarians do it for moral reasons, arguing that it is (3) _____ to kill. The opposing point of view is that it is (4) _____ for us to kill for food, and that we have evolved to do so. Still, there are societies where eating meat is not allowed because it is (5) _____ their religion.

There are other good reasons to (6) _____ meat, one of which is the inefficiency of livestock farming. A simple (7) _____ of soya bean plants can actually (8) _____ 200 times as much protein as the number of cattle which could be raised on the same (9) _____ of land, so a vegetarian world might be a world without hunger.

Although it is, in theory, cheaper to eat only vegetables, vegetarianism is most (10) _____ in richer countries such as Germany and Britain, where many people (11) _____ meat for health reasons. In these countries, at least, it (12) _____ to be a matter of choice rather than a necessity.

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| 1. | A) measure | B) distance | C) length | D) extent |
| 2. | A) numerous | B) lots | C) several | D) dozens |
| 3. | A) false | B) faulty | C) wrong | D) mistaken |
| 4. | A) real | B) natural | C) physical | D) genuine |
| 5. | A) across | B) beside | C) opposite | D) against |
| 6. | A) give up | B) put down | C) cut off | D) turn away |
| 7. | A) pitch | B) place | C) farm | D) field |
| 8. | A) achieve | B) produce | C) create | D) establish |
| 9. | A) amount | B) total | C) area | D) size |
| 10. | A) popular | B) famous | C) known | D) liked |
| 11. | A) exclude | B) prevent | C) escape | D) avoid |
| 12. | A) finishes off | B) goes through | C) turns out | D) comes up |