ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Agriculture Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

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A country which wishes to be _____ in food will encourage its _____ to produce as much as possible so that it will not be dependent on food imports.
✔ **C) self-sufficient**
Self-sufficient means able to produce everything you need without help from others. The clue is **so that it will not be dependent on food imports**. Not **fertile**: that describes land, not a country's food supply.

2. A country which wishes to be _____ in food will encourage its _____ to produce as much as possible so that it will not be dependent on food imports.
✔ **A) farmers**
The gap needs the people who **produce** food: **farmers**. **Crops** and **harvest** are things that are produced, not people who produce them.

3. If there is not much rain, _____ must be built on rivers to provide water to _____ the land.
✔ **C) dams**
A **dam** is a wall built across a river to hold back water. The water can then be used when there is not much rain. Not **bridges**: they help people cross a river but do not store water.

4. If there is not much rain, _____ must be built on rivers to provide water to _____ the land.
✔ **A) irrigate**
To **irrigate** land means to bring water to it so that plants can grow, e.g. **They irrigate the fields with river water.** Not **moisturize**: we use it for skin, not for farmland.

5. If the land is not naturally rich, chemical _____ must be used to make it _____.
✔ **A) fertilizers**
Fertilizers are natural or chemical substances added to soil to help plants grow. The clue is **chemical** and **the land is not naturally rich**.

6. If the land is not naturally rich, chemical _____ must be used to make it _____.
✔ **D) fertile**
Fertile land is rich and can produce good crops. Fertilizers are used to make poor land **fertile**. Not **unproductive**: that means the opposite.

7. Then _____ (of wheat, rice etc.) will grow, the _____ will be good, and in addition, the _____ (cattle, sheep etc.) will have grass to eat.
✔ **C) crops**
Crops are plants such as wheat and rice that farmers grow for food. The clue is **(of wheat, rice etc.)**. Not **corns**: **corn** is itself a kind of crop and is usually uncountable.

8. Then _____ (of wheat, rice etc.) will grow, the _____ will be good, and in addition, the _____ (cattle, sheep etc.) will have grass to eat.
✔ **D) harvest**
The **harvest** is the crops that are gathered at the end of the growing season. If the crops grow well, **the harvest will be good**. Not **irrigation**: that is how land gets water, not what is collected from it.

9. Then _____ (of wheat, rice etc.) will grow, the _____ will be good, and in addition, the _____ (cattle, sheep etc.) will have grass to eat.
✔ **D) livestock**
Livestock means animals kept on a farm, such as cattle and sheep. The clue is **(cattle, sheep etc.)**. Not **wild animals**: they are not kept by farmers.

10. If this does not happen, the _____ sector of the country's economy will suffer and the country will have to import food from abroad.
✔ **B) agricultural**
Before the noun **sector** we need an adjective. The **agricultural sector** is the part of the economy connected with farming. Not **irrigation** or **livestock**: they are only small parts of farming.