

People and Society Reading

I. Read the text. Choose from A-H the phrase that best fits each gap 1-6. There are **two** choices that you do not need to use.

When is trade really fair?

Do you ever pause to wonder, before you purchase a new T-shirt or a pair of jeans, about the people who harvested the cotton – their working conditions and rate of pay? An increasing number of people around the world are questioning such issues ¹____. Consequently, the clothing industry is beginning to take note, with manufacturers producing and shops selling a wide range of fair-trade items.

So, how exactly can we define fair trade? Essentially, 'fair trade' is the label given to products when the producers have received a price that is adequate to ²____ for themselves and their families. Moreover, it is expected that their working conditions meet a high standard of health and safety regulations. However, all too often, under normal trade conditions, companies that form the link between the producers and the consumers ³____. The producers are left with an income they can scarcely survive on and have to put up with unsatisfactory working conditions.

Initially, fair-trade clothing was only available ⁴____ and websites. Now, an expanding range of fair-trade items can be routinely found ⁵____. Fair-trade clothes have become more fashionable, too. Companies like People Tree produce high-fashion items aimed at 16-24-year-olds. 80% of their products use 100% organic and fair-trade cotton, and are handmade ⁶____. The aim is to create clothes for teenagers that were produced fairly, but look amazing at the same time.

- A feed, clothe and provide healthcare
- B including bananas, cotton, sugar and tea
- C from selected independent shops
- D by fair-trade groups in India and Nepal
- E before deciding to spend their money
- F take all the profits for themselves
- G and purchased on the high street
- H and investment in community projects

II. Read the text again. Choose True or False.

- 1 The number of fair-trade clothes on sale is decreasing. ☐
- 2 A 'fair-trade' label will only be awarded if consumers pay an acceptable price for goods. ☐
- 3 Only specialized shops tend to sell fair-trade clothing. ☐
- 4 Fair-trade clothes aren't just an ethical choice, they're also a fashion statement. ☐

III. Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box and the verb **take**.

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- 1 Do Tim's parents _____ in his schoolwork?
- 2 Recruiting new staff would _____ the team.
- 3 The players didn't _____ of what the coach said and lost the game.
- 4 It's time we stopped talking about this – we need to _____.
- 5 Most people nowadays _____ paid holidays _____.