An ORDINARY VEGETABLE?

If you asked People to name an important vegetable, What ANSWER would you expect? Probably potatoes, carrots or corn. Not too Many People would say Onions – a vegetable that makes us cry and gives us bad breath. But According to Recent surveys, Onions are grown and eaten in more countries than any other vegetable.

5- Onions were one of the very first crops cultivated by man. The Ancient Egyptians were already growing Onions 5,000 years ago. The onion was important in Egyptian religion and culture. With its many layers of circles, it was a symbol of eternal life. Egyptians painted pictures of Onions in their pyramids and buried Onions with their dead.

10 -For the Ancient Greeks and Romans, the onion was a food and a medicine. The Greeks believed that Onions were the food of champions. Before Olympic competitions, Greek athletes drank onion juice and ate lots of Onions. Both the Greeks and the Romans used Onions in medicines to treat a variety of illnesses.

15- Onions are still an important food in most parts of the World Today – They are grown and eaten in over 175 countries. There are several reasons for this. They grow well in different climates, they are easy to Transport and they can stay fresh for a long time.
In addition, Onions are good for your health. Modern research has proven that the Ancient Greeks and Romans were right. The onion is ONE of the healthiest vegetables in the World. It is low in calories and has a lot of vitamins and minerals.

20- As People search for low-fat, low-salt But tasty meals, They ARE eating More and More Onions. For example, Americans eat 50% More Onions Now than They did 10 years ago. With All the benefits of Onions, this is a positive trend.

ANSWER questions 1-8 in English According to the article. in questions 1 and 5, CIRCLE the number of the CORRECT ANSWER. in the other questions, follow the instructions. **(70points)**

1. In lines 1-4 we learn that the onion is (-).

i) the healthiest vegetable in the World

ii) More important than Most People think

iii) grown in only a few countries

iv) the oldest vegetable in the World

(7 points)

2. COMPLETE the SENTENCE. Give ONE ANSWER. (lines 1-4)

Some People don't like Onions because onions

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(8 points)

3. Circle the TWO CORRECT ANSWERS.

What do we learn about onions in lines 5-9?

i) Why they were a symbol of eternal life.

ii) Where the Ancient Egyptians planted onions.

iii) When onions were discovered.

iv) Which countries grew onions

V) How the ancient Egyptians used onions.

vi) Why onions are important today.

(2 x 6 = 12 points)

4. Onions were important to the religious beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians.

- Give ONE example of something the Egyptians did that shows this. (lines 5-9)

ANSWER:

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(7 points)

5. We can infer from lines 10-13 that the Ancient Greeks thought that Onions (-).

i) didn't taste very good

ii) could make you strong

iii) weren't good for you

iv) were only for athletes

(7 points)

6. COMPLETE the SENTENCE. (lines 10-13)

the Greeks and Romans Both used Onions to make

_____ .

(7 points)

7. Why ARE Onions grown in So Many countries? Give TWO reasons. (lines 14-19)

(1) _____.

(2) _____.

(2 x 7 = 14 points)

8. COMPLETE the SENTENCE. (lines 20-22)

People ARE eating More Onions Because They want _____

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(8 points)

Write a description according to the instructions below. **Write 70-90 words.**
Describe a place you like to visit and Explain Why you like to go there. You can write about what you can see and do there. **(30points)**

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