IELTS Reading practice

Paragraph headings

1. Read the following passage and choose the best heading.

The environmental challenges posed by agriculture are huge, and they'll only become more pressing as we try to meet the growing need for food worldwide. We'll likely have two billion more mouths to feed by mid-century - more than nine billion people. But sheer population growth isn't the only reason we'll need more food. The spread of prosperity across the world, especially in India and China, is driving an increased demand for meat, eggs and dairy, boosting pressure to grow more corn and soybeans to feed more cattle, pigs and chickens. If these trends continue, the double whammy of population growth and richer diets will require us to roughly double the amount of crops we grow by 2050.

A) Two key trends driving the demand for food worldwide.

B) The impact of agriculture on the natural world.

C) Growing populations and their need for food.

Vocabulary:

- pose a challenge
- a pressing challenge
- meet the growing need for

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- more mouths to feed
- sheer population growth
- the spread of prosperity
- driving demand
- boosting pressure
- the double whammy of... and...

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