

Read the article below and then answer questions **6-10**.

## **GARDENING IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN**

**I** "We don't often see young people working in gardens in Britain these days," says Jane Walters of the British Gardening Society. Therefore, in a few years, Britain won't have enough gardeners to take care of its 22 million gardens.

**II** "One reason for this is that most schools don't teach gardening," says Walters. "Today, many 5 children have no connection with nature." A recent survey showed that 15% of children between the ages of 11 and 14 don't even know that vegetables like carrots and potatoes grow under the ground.

**III** "Children who work in gardens learn valuable life skills," says Walters. "For example, when there are problems in a garden, the children discuss them. This teaches them to work together and solve problems," she says.

**IV** Walters also wants schools to use gardening to help teach math, science and art. "Gardening gives children the chance to experience things they are also learning in the classroom. Learning is more fun this way," she says.

**6.** What does Jane Walters tell us in paragraph I?

- i) There are too many gardens in Britain.
- ii) Many young people don't work in gardens today.
- iii) The Gardening Society doesn't take care of the gardens.

**7.** What problem will Britain have in a few years? (paragraph I)

ANSWER: .....

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**8.** According to a recent survey, children (—). (paragraph II)

- i) don't know where vegetables grow
- ii) don't like to eat carrots and potatoes
- iii) don't want to learn about nature

**9.** COMPLETE THE SENTENCE. (paragraph III)

Give ONE example of a life skill children can learn from gardening.

They can learn to .....

**10.** Walters hopes (—). (paragraph IV)

- i) teachers will use books to teach gardening
- ii) children will learn other subjects by gardening
- iii) schools will teach more science and art