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Reading Comprehension

(10 Marks)

The Global Network

Globalization is the connection of different parts of the world. Globalization results in the expansion of international cultural, economic, and political activities. As people, ideas, knowledge, and goods move more easily around the globe, the experiences of people around the world become more similar.

The process of globalization is very controversial. Many people say globalization will help people communicate. Advanced medicines are more widely available to people who may not have been able to afford them. Job available through globalization have lifted many people out of the poverty. Globalization has increased the number of students studying abroad.

Not everyone says that globalization is good, however, some people worry that Western culture will destroy local cultures around the world. Others point out that people tend to adopt some aspects of other cultures without giving up their own.

Opponents to globalization blame free trade for unfair working conditions. Supporters of globalization say that factory workers in poor countries are making much better wages than they would at other jobs available to them. They also argue that free trade has lowered prices in wealthier countries and improved the economy of poorer countries.

Vocabulary and Meaning:

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| 1. Globalization | 21. poverty |
| 2. Connection | 22. increase |
| 3. Results in | 23. however |
| 4. Expansion | 24. worry |
| 5. International cultural | 25. Western culture |
| 6. Economic | 26. destroy |
| 7. Political | 27. local |
| 8. Knowledge | 28. Tend to |
| 9. Goods | 29. adopt |
| 10. Experiences | 30. aspect |
| 11. Similar | 31. Giving up |
| 12. Process | 32. Opponent |
| 13. Controversial | 33. blame |
| 14. Communicate | 34. unfair |
| 15. Advanced medicines | 35. condition |
| 16. Widely | 36. supporter |
| 17. Available | 37. factory |
| 18. Afford | 38. wage |
| 19. Job | 39. argue |
| 20. Lift | 40. Price |

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1. What is globalization?

- a) The isolation of different parts of the world
- b) The connection of different parts of the world
- c) The destruction of local cultures
- d) The reduction of international trade

2. According to the passage, what has globalization increased?

- a) The number of wars
- b) The number of students studying abroad
- c) The number of local jobs
- d) The number of isolated cultures

3. What do many people say globalization will help?

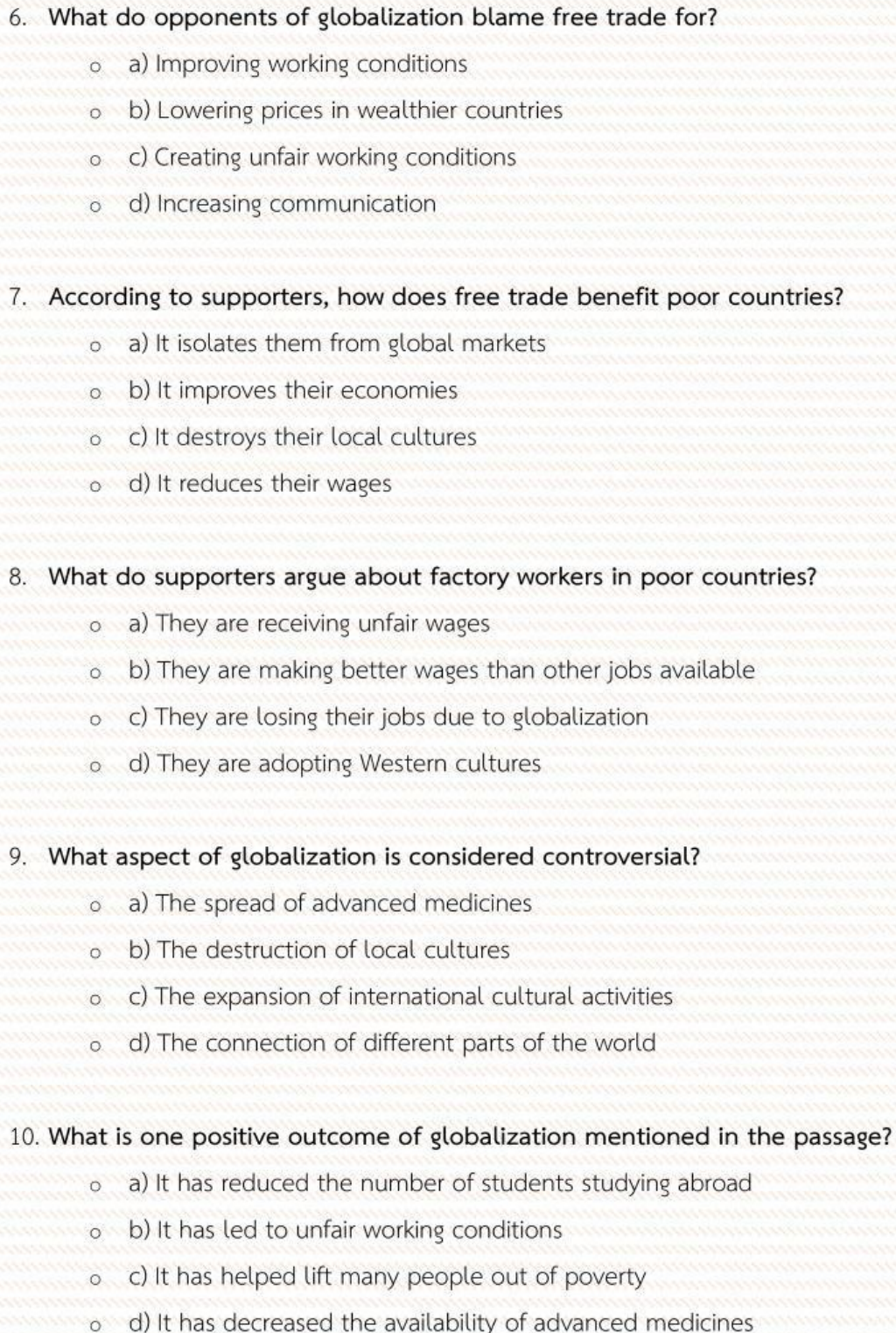
- a) Destroy local cultures
- b) Reduce poverty
- c) Improve communication
- d) Lower wages

4. What is one benefit of globalization mentioned in the passage?

- a) Advanced medicines are more widely available
- b) Local cultures are completely preserved
- c) Working conditions have improved globally
- d) Economic activities have decreased

5. What is a concern mentioned by opponents of globalization?

- a) Globalization will reduce education opportunities
- b) Western culture will destroy local cultures
- c) Free trade will raise prices in wealthier countries
- d) Globalization will improve local economies

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6. What do opponents of globalization blame free trade for?
- a) Improving working conditions
 - b) Lowering prices in wealthier countries
 - c) Creating unfair working conditions
 - d) Increasing communication
7. According to supporters, how does free trade benefit poor countries?
- a) It isolates them from global markets
 - b) It improves their economies
 - c) It destroys their local cultures
 - d) It reduces their wages
8. What do supporters argue about factory workers in poor countries?
- a) They are receiving unfair wages
 - b) They are making better wages than other jobs available
 - c) They are losing their jobs due to globalization
 - d) They are adopting Western cultures
9. What aspect of globalization is considered controversial?
- a) The spread of advanced medicines
 - b) The destruction of local cultures
 - c) The expansion of international cultural activities
 - d) The connection of different parts of the world
10. What is one positive outcome of globalization mentioned in the passage?
- a) It has reduced the number of students studying abroad
 - b) It has led to unfair working conditions
 - c) It has helped lift many people out of poverty
 - d) It has decreased the availability of advanced medicines