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We have become so used to shopping in big supermarkets and chain stores, identical in every town, that we have forgotten about one important way to shop - markets. **[I]** However, it is a wonderful place to visit because wherever you go, they are different and reveal the local culture - and agriculture. From farmers' markets selling fresh produce to craft and antique markets, they are the best place to find something unique at a great price.

Food is at its cheapest and freshest in markets. Farmers often sell **direct** to the consumer, without all the packaging, shipping and advertising that increases costs in shops and supermarkets. **[II]** You can often find unusual products and those that are not mass-produced. Wherever you are, food will be locally produced and reasonably priced.

In Europe, Christmas is the time when seasonal markets are held to sell decorations and gifts for the festive season. One of the most famous of these is held in Wenceslas Square in Prague in the Czech Republic. **[III]** The market is made up of colourfully decorated wooden huts selling traditional handicrafts, embroldered lace, wooden toys, scented candles, Christmas tree ornaments, and puppets and dolls beautifully dressed in traditional costumes. This looks very pretty, especially in the snow.

[IV] So, wherever you are in the world and whatever you are looking for, there is a market for you. You can get all kinds of unusual things at great prices.

Question 1: According to the passage, what is one main reason markets are a good place to shop?

A. They are always cheaper than supermarkets.

B. They provide a unique shopping experience and showcase local culture.

C. They offer more products than supermarkets.

D. They are only open on special occasions.

Question 2: The word **"direct"** in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

A. careful B. immediate C. organized D. simple

Question 3: Where in the passage does this sentence best fit?

Markets are found in every country in the world.

A. I B. II C. III D. IV

Question 4: What does the passage suggest you can find at markets around the world?

A. Products that are mass-produced

B. Locally produced items at reasonable prices

C. High-priced luxury items with reasonable prices

D. Only antique and craft items

Question 5: What can be inferred from paragraph 3?

A. Europe has more seasonal markets than other places.

B. The market held in Wenceslas Square attracts a lot of tourists.

C. You can buy wooden huts in the market in Wenceslas Square.

D. Wooden toys are one of the products in Wenceslas Square's market.

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