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Reading Exam

ENGLISH FILE

EOI Exam Power Pack (Intermediate cycle)

PART 3

Read the report about children and teachers. For gaps 1–10 choose a suitable word from the box below. There are three extra words you don't need to use. Gap 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Education, history, and politics
See: *English File third edition* Intermediate Files 7A, 10A

GAP	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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| a) who | f) in spite | k) were |
| b) by | g) out | l) such as |
| c) example | h) choice | m) despite |
| d) according | i) much | n) <i>products</i> |
| e) based | j) for | |

Total 25

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Going organic

Nowadays, many people are buying organic food **0** n in supermarkets or local markets because they think it is healthier and has more nutritional benefits, but **1** to a recent study carried **2** by the Food Standards Agency, this isn't necessarily the case. The report concluded that there was no clear evidence to demonstrate that organic food products were better than conventionally produced foodstuffs. The results of the findings were **3** on many research activities carried out over the last 50 years. Different levels of nutrients found in crops and animals in both types of farming were analysed and assessed regarding their benefit to human health.

The conclusions of the report, however, have been widely criticized by nutrition experts and organic food campaigners, **4** claim that the study hasn't taken into consideration fertilizer and pesticide residue found in non-organic food products. One top food academic has been particularly outspoken and described the study as too short-term, selective, and narrow in its **5** of investigation techniques. She also added that the Food Standards Agency had discovered that some nutrients, **6** beta-carotene which contains high levels of vitamin A beneficial for health, are as **7** as 53% higher in organic products. This hadn't been mentioned in the report.

Organic food farming, which is now valued at about two billion pounds in the UK, is controlled **8** a series of tight regulations which differ from conventional farming regulations. Organically grown crops can't be treated with artificial fertilizers, for example.

The consumer advisory service at the Food Standards Agency defended their study and said the organization wasn't taking a definitive stance on the issue of organic food and its benefits. **9** of this, they stated that if consumers thought that their health would improve by buying organic, they **10** mistaken.