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Section C: Reading (5 marks)
I: Choose the best answer from the four options to complete each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Write your answer in the right box below.

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Without transportation, our modern society could not (1) ______. We would have no metal, no coal and no oil nor would we have any (2) ______ made from these materials. (3) ______ we would have to spend most of our time (4) ______ food and food would be (5) ______ to the kinds that could grow in the climate and soil of our neighborhood. Transportation also (6) ______ our lives in other ways. Transportation can speed a doctor to the side of a sick person, even if the patients’ lives on an isolated farm. It can take police to the (7) ______ of a crime within a moments of being noticed. Transportation (8) ______ teams of athletes to compete in national and international sports contests. In time of disasters transportation can rush aid to persons in areas stricken by floods, families and earthquakes.

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2:  A. producers  B. production  C. products  D. productivity
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A. The amount that American eat
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