Part 1: Reading Comprehension
Choose the best answer according to the text. Only ONE answer is correct.

[0.5 points each correct answer. Wrong answers will be penalized by deducting 0.16 points. There is no penalty for unanswered questions.]

1. **According to the text, the health of the planet depends on...**
   a) people eating better quality food.
   b) people eating more slowly.
   c) people consuming less than at present.
   d) people consuming less meat.

2. **"Degrowth" is...**
   a) a new way to study economics.
   b) a new way to create artificial needs.
   c) a new attitude concerning population growth.
   d) a new attitude concerning consumerism.

3. **Our economic model is based on....**
   a) surviving strategies.
   b) **permanent growth**.
   c) a few moral questions.
   d) the equal distribution of resources.

4. **According to the text, the resources of the planet...**
   a) might not be enough in the near future.
   b) are enough for 80% of its population.
   c) are in the hands of 80% of its population.
   d) might not be in good condition very soon.

5. **Santiago Vilanova believes that...**
   a) an international symposium should be organised in Barcelona every year.
   b) well-being cannot be considered a sustainable objective for humanity.
   c) the accumulation of wealth has to be excluded from political programmes.
   d) the well-being of people is not necessarily related to having more resources.

6. **People in "Degrowth" organisations think...**
   a) that progress is linked to growth.
   b) that progress is slower than growth.
   c) that progress does not depend only on growth.
   d) that progress is faster than growth.

7. **"Degrowth" supporters are…**
   a) always in favour of utopian ideals.
   b) usually good at practical things.
   c) always in favour of consumer goods.
   d) usually against working many hours.

8. **According to Carlos Taibo, more Americans say that they are...**

   a) less happy now despite being richer.
   b) happier now than in the past decades.
   c) unhappy since the end of the Second World War.
   d) happy because of their growing income.

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