**Text #1: “Oasis Springs Up in Southeast Raleigh Food Desert”**

1. Based on paragraphs 3 and 4, what does the phrase “food desert” probably mean? Explain using details from the text.
2. Reread the title of the article. Why do you think the author refered to this new grocery store as an “oasis”?
3. What does the word “amenities” mean in paragraph 9? What context clues helped you figure out the meaning of the word?
4. In paragraph 11, minister Chris Jones said, “This is the beginning. This is our genesis.” What allusion did he make?

**Text #2: “Nebraska Looking at Ways to Grow Urban Agriculture”**

1. Cite at least two specific ways the community garden in Omaha has helped members of the community.
2. Why are community gardens especially popular with immigrants?
3. What potential problems may arise with a community garden? Cite specific examples from the text.
4. Why do you think Nebraska State Senator Burke Harr wants to expand the use of community gardens in urban areas?

**Text #3: “China’s Growing Urban Population Sprouts Urban Farms”**

1. Based on the first paragraph, what might “urbanization” mean? What context clues helped you determine the word’s meaning?
2. The word “novel” usually means a fiction book. In the first paragraph of this article, what does it mean?
3. According to the text, how can urban farming help China?
4. Describe the benefits of urban farming that are included in this text.