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| **INTRODUCTION** | |
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| **MAIN BODY PARAGRAPH 1** | |
| **First** advantage: |  |
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| **Second** advantage: |  |
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| Example of **second** advantage: |  |
| **MAIN BODY PARAGRAPH 2** | |
| **First** disadvantage: |  |
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| **CONCLUSION** | |
| Summarise **2** advantages and **2** disadvantages: |  |

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| **Example:**  **Air transport is increasingly used to export fruit and vegetables to countries where they cannot be grown or are out of season.**  What are the advantages and disadvantages of this? |

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| **INTRODUCTION** | |
| Paraphrase: | *• Transport fresh fruit & vegetables by air to places that cannot grow them / out of season.* |
| Outline  **2** advantages and  **2** disadvantages | *•* ***Benefits*** *- wide range all year / reliance on imported food.*  *•* ***Drawbacks*** *– damaging farming techniques / airplane pollution.* |
| **MAIN BODY PARAGRAPH 1** | |
| **First** advantage: | *• Variety of products throughout the year.* |
| Explanation of **first** advantage: | • *Consumer demand.* |
| **Second** advantage: | *• Some countries need this produce to survive.* |
| Explanation of **second** advantage: | *• Harsh growing environments* |
| Example of **second** advantage: | *• Desert countries like Qatar.* |
| **MAIN BODY PARAGRAPH 2** | |
| **First** disadvantage: | *• Harmful farming practices.* |
| Explanation of **first** disadvantage: | *• Pesticides and fertilizers to meet demand damage environment.* |
| **Second** disadvantage: | *• Pollution caused by increased flights.* |
| Explanation of **second** disadvantage: | *• Transportation planes burn lots of fuel / CO2 released.* |
| Example of **second** disadvantage: | *• 13,000 tonnes of CO2 released each year due to this.* |
| **CONCLUSION** | |
| Summarise  **2** advantages and  **2** disadvantages: | • *Transporting fresh produce to countries that cannot grow it =* ***Benefits*** *- wide range all year / reliance on imported food.*  *•* ***Drawbacks*** *– damaging farming techniques / airplane pollution.* |

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| **Sample answer**  Fresh produce is more frequently being exported by air into countries where it is out of season or impossible to grow. The advantages of this are that consumers can enjoy a wider range of fresh fruit and vegetables all year and some countries rely on imported food to feed their people. However, this puts tremendous strain on the environment because of harmful farming methods and pollution produced by airplanes.  One benefit of importing fruit and vegetables is the wide range of products that can be found throughout the year. Some countries are only able to produce certain crops during specific seasons, so, without imports, they wouldn’t be able to consume these foods year-round. Moreover, imported produce is vital for survival in some countries. This is because their harsh environment prevents sufficient food from being grown. Qatar, for instance, is mostly desert and relies largely on imported produce.  On the other hand, exporting food often results in farming practices that damage the environment. The extra demand of overseas markets requires domestic producers to increase their food production, which often means using dangerous pesticides and fertilizers. This is compounded when you consider the pollution caused by airplanes. Each time food is exported, a huge amount of fuel is burned, resulting in carbon emissions that contribute to global warming. For example, it is estimated that up to 13,000 tonnes of CO2 are released into the atmosphere every year by planes carrying food from tropical countries.  In conclusion, while exporting produce overseas allows people to eat a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables throughout the year and is essential for people in some countries to survive, it is important to pay attention to the costs to the environment caused by air transport and changes to farming methods. |