Fracking: reading comprehension key

I. True or false. Correct the wrong sentences in your own words and give the lines.

| | | true | false |
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| 1. | Jill Wiener is running for office because she has always wanted to be in politics. | | She only runs for office because she is upset about the plans to introduce fracking. (II.11-12) |
| 2. | She moved to Catskill to achieve this aim. | | She only wanted to work there as an artist. (II.15-16) |
| 3. | Fracking has become an important source of energy in the US. | (l.17) | |
| 4. | It is a safe and clean fuel. | | It is the industry that claims it is harmless. (II.17-18) |
| 5. | New technologies have helped companies to increase the production of natural gas. | (I.20) | |
| 6. | Fracking requires the injection of large amounts of sand and water into the rock. | | Chemicals and high pressure are also needed. (II.21-23) |
| 7. | People who oppose the method worry about the poisoning of drinking water. | (I.24) | |

II. Multiple choice: Tick the correct box and give the lines.

| | As fracking increases | energy will become cheaper. |
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| 8. <i>A</i> | | ☑ renewables may lose out. (II.26-27) |
| | | \Box more people will die from contaminated water. |
| | Opposition groups have been founded because | \Box too much water is used in the process of fracking. |
| | | \Box the industry has acknowledged contamination. |
| | | ☑ people are afraid of the impact on their health. (II.29-31) |
| | According to Wiener, proponents of fracking | ☑ take a prominent stance. (II.34-35) |
| | | \Box know little about the dangerous consequences. |
| | | \Box are in the majority. |
| | Many people are for drilling because they | ✓ hope for jobs and tax revenues.(I.37) |
| | | □ are not afraid of environmental damages. |
| | | □ are not affected. |

III. Finish the sentences in your own words and give the lines.

| 12. | Wiener can understand landowners and dairy farmers because | they are promised an additional income without any work. (II.44) |
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| 13. | Fracking is a social issue because | neighbors and families are divided about it. (II.46-47) |
| 14. | Although the new technology might bring economic advantages | There can also be drawbacks when ecological disasters strike. (II.50-51) |
| 15. | Industry promotes the view | that nature is resilient and will recover. (II.52-53) |