Are the statements below True, False or Not Given according to the passage? Circle T, F or NG.

Time limit: 3 minutes

Rice

Since ancient times, rice has been the most commonly used food grain for the majority of people in the world. A member of the grass family Graminae, rice (Oryza sativa) can be grown successfully under climatic conditions ranging from tropical to temperate.

Properly cultivated, rice produces higher yields than any other grain with the exception of corn, and although the total area planted in rice is far smaller than that devoted to wheat (the world total is about one-third less), the rice crop feeds a far greater proportion of the world’s population.

In contrast to wheat and corn, only a small percentage of the total rice crop enters international trade. Not quite 40% of the total worldwide becomes an export commodity, although the United States exports approximately 45% of its production.

Limited international trade in rice has prevented the establishment of large, active trading centres like those for marketing cereal grains, and formulation of official grain standards for rice has been slow to develop.

During the past quarter of a century, rice-breeding programs have been initiated in several countries. Resistance to diseases and insects was the major objective of the earlier research, but hybrid programs have dominated recently. High-yielding dwarf plants that can withstand deep water and that respond to fertilizers have been developed. Improved grain quality and higher protein levels have been added objectives of new programs designed to improve nutrition.

Questions:
1. Rice has been eaten since ancient times.   T   F   NG
2. Rice is a member of the grass family.      T   F   NG
3. Rice can only be grown in tropical climates. T   F   NG
4. Some people eat rice three times a day.    T   F   NG
5. Rice feeds more people than wheat.         T   F   NG
6. Most rice is traded internationally.       T   F   NG
7. Thailand is a major exporter of rice.      T   F   NG
8. Rice breeding programs are concentrated in one country. T   F   NG