PRUEBA/PROVA: CLIMATE CHANGE

EXAM

- No se permite el uso de diccionario ni de ningún otro material didáctico.
- Las preguntas deberán ser respondidas en Inglés.
- Duración de la prueba: 1 hora y 30 minutos.
- Esta hoja **no** se entrega.

THE HOT ISSUE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

In the past decade, warmer-than-average temperatures have been recorded around the globe, and scientists warn that temperatures may climb by 1.8–4° C before the close of the century. It is believed that this recent climate change has been caused by industrial pollution and other human activity.

Nearer the equator, the heat is making deserts expand, and putting water resources under tremendous pressure. In some of the world's poorest countries in Africa, desertification has already cost lives, exacerbating the problems of drought and famine.

Climate change is affecting the coldest extremities of the world, too, melting the ice in the Arctic and Antarctic. This is sadly having a deleterious effect on local animal populations, such as polar bears, and it is not yet known what the wider repercussions might be. One alarming theory suggests that the melted ice may cause a rise in sea levels. It has been suggested that this, in turn, could make low-lying coastal areas in northern Europe and America vulnerable to severe flooding.

One thing is certain: if we do not act now, the earth will continue to heat up, perhaps irreversibly. We must take better care of our planet – before the problem gets too hot to handle.

I. READING COMPREHENSION (2 POINTS: 0.5 points for each correct answer)

Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. NO marks are given for only true or false. NO marks are given for T or F.

1. People have died as a consequence of desert expansion.
2. Polar bear numbers are increasing.
3. We can be sure what the effects of the melted ice will be.
4. People who live by the sea in the USA may experience problems.

II. LEXICON / PHONETICS

A LEXICON (1 POINT: 0.25 points for each correct answer)
Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. end
2. killed people
3. at risk of
4. too difficult to deal with

B PHONETICS (1 POINT: 0.5 or 0.25 points for each correct answer)
Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. Write two words from the text that include the same vowel sound as "see" /i;/. (0.5 points)
2. Write a word from the text that includes the same diphthong sound as "try" /aɪ/. (0.25 points)
3. Is the final "–s" pronounced voiced /z/ or voiceless /s/ in "scientists"? (0.25 points)

III. USE OF ENGLISH (3 POINTS: 0.5 points for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:

1. Greenhouse gases are heating up the earth.
   The earth ...

2. I think you should do more to help the environment.
   If I ...

3. "Are you going to attend the conference on climate change tomorrow?"
   She asked him ...

4. It would have been a good idea to recycle those bottles.
   You should ...

5. He last drove a car in July.
   He hasn't ...

6. 'The scientists met in Geneva yesterday,' he said.
   He said…….

IV. COMPOSITION (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of at least 125 words on the following topic:

"Climate change is the most serious issue facing the world today." Do you agree? Give your opinion.