

PRUEBA: CLIMATE

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 soar 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 exacerbated the problems of drought and famine, and thereby already cost lives.

Climate change is affecting the coldest extremities of the world too, melting the ice in the Arctic and Antarctic. This is currently having a damaging 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 melted ice will cause a rise in sea levels which, in turn, could make low-lying coastal areas 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.

* *desertification*: the transformation of fertile land to desert

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- 1. Read the text and choose the best option (A, B, or C) for items 1 to 4. On your answer sheet, draw a table like the one below and, for each item, copy only the letter that corresponds to your answer (A, B, or C). Use CAPITAL LETTERS. [Score: 4 items x 5 marks = 20 marks]**

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- 1.1 The world's average temperature ...
A) has increased by 1.8–4°C.
B) has risen in the last ten years.
C) will stop increasing by the end of the century.
- 1.2 What result are hot temperatures having in areas near the equator?
A) They're increasing desertification.
B) They're making life more expensive for people there.
C) They're helping to solve famine and drought.

- 1.3 Rising sea levels have already resulted in ...
 A) many people losing their lives.
 B) a negative affect on animal populations at the north and south poles.
 C) some areas becoming even colder.
- 1.4 What do we know for sure?
 A) We're already dealing with the issue of climate change effectively.
 B) Rising sea levels will create tsunamis, tidal waves and floods.
 C) The temperature of the earth will increase unless we take action now.

2. Complete each sentence with information from the text but using your own words (about 10-15 words of your own per sentence). DO NOT COPY LITERALLY from the text nor from statements 1.1 to 1.4. Write the two sentences on your answer sheet. [Score: 2 items x 5 marks = 10 marks]

2.1 As a result of drought and famine, ...

2.2 Regions near the sea may ...

3. Complete the text choosing the best option (A, B, or C) for each gap (1-15). On your answer sheet, draw a table like the one below and, for each gap (1-15), copy the letter that corresponds to your answer (A, B, or C). Use CAPITAL LETTERS. [Score: 15 items x 1 marks = 15 marks]

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It has taken politicians a long time to start paying attention (1) ____ the issue of climate change. Undoubtedly, this has got to be one of (2) ____ issues of our time. (3) ____, it has taken a long time for those in power to sit up and notice it.

At (4) ____, temperatures rose so gradually that the difference was barely noticeable. It seemed possible that scientists (5) ____ have been exaggerating. The owners of big businesses, (6) ____ often ran several factories, did not want to listen to the message. They (7) ____ that reducing future carbon emissions would be too expensive. However, they cannot escape the problem any (8) ____.

Temperatures are rising so quickly throughout the world that it is clear that we must (9) ____ huge changes. (10) ____ changes must be at all levels: international, national, local and personal. As individuals we must change our lifestyle habits (11) ____ we consume fewer goods. This will result (12) ____ a drop in industrial activity which greatly contributes to global warming and climate change. (13) ____ we reduce pollution caused by industrial waste, we risk an environmental catastrophe.

Governments worldwide also have their part to (14) _____. Legislation has to be created and put into practice so that the environment is put first. (15) ____ our planet must be top of the agenda and industry has to be made to see that this is more important than profits. Otherwise we risk making it impossible for the Earth to be our home.

1. A) on B) to C) at
2. A) big B) bigger C) the biggest
3. A) However B) While C) Although
4. A) beginning B) start C) first
5. A) might B) should C) ought to
6. A) that B) who C) which
7. A) denied B) refused C) predicted
8. A) sooner B) greater C) longer
9. A) do B) make C) take
10. A) That B) This C) These
11. A) so that B) for that C) for
12. A) to B) in C) with
13. A) If B) If not C) Unless
14. A) play B) keep C) do
15. A) Saving B) To save C) Save

4. Finish each sentence so that it keeps the meaning of the sentence printed before it and includes a clear change of linguistic structure. COPY THE COMPLETE SENTENCES (including the beginnings already given to you) onto your answer sheet. [Score: 3 items x 5 marks = 15 marks]

4.1 My advice is to take up a new sport.
If I ...

4.2 She's never been so happy in her life before.
This is ...

4.3 'Why don't we watch this documentary on penguins?'
He suggested ...

5. Descriptive writing. The ideal world. WRITE A PARAGRAPH of about 120 words describing the ideal world. Write your paragraph on your answer sheet. [Score: 40 marks x 1 item = 40 marks]