

PRUEBA and ANSWERS (CLIMATE CHANGE)

Instrucciones: a) Duración: 1h30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario.
c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas.

THE HOT ISSUE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- 1 In the past ten years, warmer-than-average temperatures have been recorded around the
2 globe, and scientists warn that temperatures may soar by 1.8–4°C before the close of the
3 century. It is believed that this recent climate change has been caused by human activity, and
4 especially by the emission of greenhouse gases.
- 5 So why should we be worried? In northern European countries, having milder summers even
6 seems quite appealing! However, nearer the equator, the hot weather is having a devastating
7 effect. As fertile land is eroded by desert and water resources dry out, the problems of drought
8 and famine are exacerbated. In some of the world's poorest countries in Africa, global warming
9 has already cost lives. Scientists believe that global warming caused the failed rains in Somalia
10 during 2011, which started a famine that killed between 50,000 and 100,000 people.
- 11 Climate change is affecting the coldest parts of the world, too, melting the ice in the Arctic and
12 Antarctic. This is having a negative effect on local animal populations, such as polar bears, and
13 the wider implications are not yet known. One alarming theory suggests that rising sea levels
14 may result in severe flooding in many countries, including the UK and the USA, and make
15 coastal areas vulnerable to an increased risk of tidal waves and tsunamis.
- 16 One thing is certain: if we do not act now, the earth will continue to heat up, perhaps
17 irreversibly. We must take better care of our planet – before the problem gets too hot to
18 handle.

**I COMPREHENSION (This section consists of eight items combining 'True/False' and/or
'Multiple choice' questions) (4 points)**

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C OR D). (0.5 points each)

1. Scientists say that ...

- (a) *temperatures might rise by 4°C.*
(b) global warming will increase levels of greenhouse gases.
(c) temperatures have risen by 4°C.
(d) Europeans don't want warm summers.

2. In countries near the equator ...

- (a) there is less land than before. (b) *there is more desert than before.*
(c) there are no more drought problems. (d) poor people pay more for food.

3. Rising sea levels will mean ...

- (a) bigger tidal waves in coastal areas. (b) an increase in animal populations.
(c) less risk of flooding. (d) *tsunamis may happen more often.*

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points each)

4. People in northern countries aren't happy about any of the side effects of global warming.

False. 'In northern European countries, having milder summers even seems quite appealing!' (lines 5-6)

5. Polar bear numbers are increasing.

False. 'This is having a negative impact on local animal populations, such as polar bears.' (line 12)

6. We can afford to wait a while before we deal with the issue of climate change.

False. 'If we do not act now, the earth will continue to heat up.' (line 16)

SMART TIP: giving evidence

Remember to support your answers with evidence. It might seem obvious that the sentence in question six is false, but you have to *prove* it is wrong by giving evidence from the text. You will not get any points if you only write 'true' or 'false'.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ... (0.5 points)

ONE SYNONYM FOR 'risk'. (noun) *danger*

ONE OPPOSITE FOR 'reduce'. *soar (line 2)*

8. FIND IN THE TEXT ... (0.5 points)

ONE WORD MEANING 'tell us about something bad'. *warn (line 2)*

ONE WORD MEANING 'not enough food'. *famine (lines 8/10)*

II USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAP:

9.1 FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

Politicians are considering ... measures to help the environment. introduce / to introduce / introducing / introduced

9.2 FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS.

Sea levels ... (rise) by several metres last year. rose

9.3 COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE:

If I hadn't spent all my money ...

Suggested answer: (If I hadn't spent all my money,) I would have been able to buy a ticket for the concert.

10. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO:

10.1 REPORTED SPEECH: **'This soup is too salty,' he complained.**

He complained that the soup was too salty.

10.2 THE PASSIVE VOICE: **Global warming damages the ice caps.**

The ice caps are damaged by global warming.

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE PRONOUN. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY.

'Climate change is a result of human activity. It is causing temperatures to rise.'

Climate change, which is a result of human activity, is causing temperatures to rise. OR Climate change, which is causing temperatures to rise, is a result of human activity.

SMART TIP: relative clauses

Remember, we cannot use 'that' in non-defining relative clauses:

*Climate change is the factor **which/that** has caused a rise in temperature.*

*BUT Climate change, ~~that~~ **which** is a result of human activity, is causing temperatures to rise.*

12. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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They had created a poster for the campaign. OR They had a poster created for the campaign.

13. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS:

The scientists met in Geneva yesterday.

Where did the scientists meet yesterday?

14. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED.

This recent climate change has been caused by human activity.

Human activity ...

Suggested answer: (Human activity) has caused this recent climate change.

III **WRITING** (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

How will global warming affect our lives in the future?

Many different answers are possible. Here is one suggested model.

How will global warming affect our lives in the future?

I believe that global warming will have a huge impact on our future lives.

The world will become hotter, and we will experience more extreme weather conditions, such as hurricanes and tsunamis. This could result in the destruction of homes and natural habitats.

Natural resources will become very expensive, and there may not be enough food and water for everybody. Some animals and plants may become extinct, and some people may die of disease, poverty or starvation.

Unless we do more to prevent global warming, I think that our lives will be very badly affected in the future. We need to take action now.

SMART TIP: thinking about tenses

Before you write, think carefully about the grammar and tenses you need to use in your composition.

You will need to use future tenses, especially *will*, as you need to make predictions about the future.

You will need to use the present simple to give your opinions ('*I believe/think ...*')

Always read your composition after you have finished and check that your grammar, spelling, punctuation and word order are correct.