

**PRUEBA (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 (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.  
5. Polar bear numbers are increasing.

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

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

ONE SYNONYM FOR 'risk'. (noun)

ONE OPPOSITE FOR 'reduce'. (verb)

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

ONE WORD MEANING 'tell us about something bad'.

ONE WORD MEANING 'not enough food'.

## 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.'

9.3 COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE.

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

10. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO:

10.1 REPORTED SPEECH.

'This soup is too salty,' he complained.

10.2 THE PASSIVE VOICE.

'Global warming damages the ice caps.'

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.'

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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13. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS.

'The scientists met in Geneva yesterday.'

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

'This recent climate change has been caused by human activity.'

Human activity ...

## 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?**