

**PRUEBA: CLIMATE CHANGE**

**ANSWER KEY – including SMART TIPS**

**1. Choose the correct answer a, b or c. (3 points, 0.5 each)**

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.
2. Why should climate change worry us?
  - a. The climate in Europe is becoming milder.
  - b. Deserts are becoming bigger in some areas.*
  - c. Northern European countries are no longer appealing.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.*
6. Which statement is true?
  - a. Polar bear numbers are decreasing.*
  - b. Nobody has died yet from climate change.
  - c. We know exactly what climate change means for the future.

**2. Answer these questions in no more than 5 words. (1 point, 0.25 each)**

- a. What aspect of human activity in particular has caused climate change recently?  
*Greenhouse gas emissions/emissions of greenhouse gases.*
- b. What has happened to six percent of the soil in Spain? *It has become/turned to desert.*
- c. Where have people been killed due to climate change? *In poor African countries.*
- d. How might the UK and the USA be affected by a rise in sea levels? *Severe floods might affect them.*

**3. Find a word in the text for these definitions. (1 point, 0.25 each)**

- a. increase (paragraph 1) *soar*
- b. huge (paragraph 2) *tremendous*
- c. consequences (paragraph 3) *repercussions*
- d. deal with, manage (paragraph 4) *handle*

**4. Rephrase the following sentences so that their meaning is as similar to the original as possible. (1 point, 0.25 each)**

- a. The climate group warned that if we didn't act now, sea temperatures would continue to rise. [Reported speech]
- b. Governments, who are being put under pressure to deal with climate change, are slowly beginning to act. [Relative clause]
- c. If we reduce/reduced greenhouse gas emissions, it will/would help conserve the environment. [1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> conditional]
- d. The Earth is not being cared for and valuable natural resources are being wasted. [Passive]

**5. Write an opinion article of 150 words on this topic: We must do more to protect the environment. Write about the measures we must take in order to help the environment (specify the number of words at the top right-hand side of your essay). (3 points)**

***Suggested answer:***

***149 words***

*There is no doubt that human activity is having a detrimental effect on our natural environment. In my opinion, there are many things that we can do to help it before it is too late.*

*Firstly, we can all make changes to our personal lives. For example, we could recycle paper, plastic and glass. We should also try to use less energy at home by turning off electrical equipment when we are not using it and use smart devices less frequently. In order to reduce pollution, we ought to walk or cycle, instead of travelling by car.*

*Secondly, we can try to persuade the government and businesses to do more too. For example, we could sign petitions for change or donate money to environmental charities.*

*In conclusion, I think there is a lot we can do. Individuals, governments and businesses all must work together to help protect our environment.*

**SMART TIP: synonyms**

It is a good idea to make a note of and revise synonyms while you are studying. This will help you prepare to answer this section of the exam. To answer question b, first brainstorm synonyms which mean a similar thing (other examples might include *great, massive, vast, enormous*, etc.). Then check your answers in the text.

**6. You are a member of an environmental group and you want to invite your best friend Gina to an event the group is organising. Tell Gina what the event is, where it will be held and what the purpose of it is. (Write between 35 and 50 words). (1 point)**

***Suggested answer:***

*Hi Gina. I just wanted to let you know that the environmental group has set up a garden club. Our first meeting is tomorrow night at the Town Hall. We'll be discussing the club's future activities. Please let me know if you can come.*