

PRUEBA

INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

1. Lea todo el texto cuidadosamente.
2. Lea atentamente todas las preguntas de la prueba.
3. Proceda a responder en lengua inglesa a las preguntas en el papel de examen.

TIEMPO: 1 hora y 30 minutos.

CALIFICACIÓN: La puntuación máxima de la prueba es de 10 puntos.

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 human activity, and especially by the emission of greenhouse gases.

So why should we be worried? In northern European countries, having milder summers even seems quite appealing! However, nearer the equator, the hot weather is making deserts expand, which in turn puts natural resources such as water and fertile land under tremendous pressure. In Spain, nearly a third of the country may become dry and arid, and six per cent of Spanish soil has already been swallowed up by desert. In some of the world's poorest countries in Africa, desertification has exacerbated the problems of drought and famine. This has already caused fatalities, and many more people are likely to lose their lives in the future.

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. Alarming, some scientists have speculated that the subsequent rise in sea levels may lead to more tidal waves and tsunamis, and could make coastal areas in northern countries more 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.

1. **Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (2 points)**
 - a. Greenhouse gases are wholly responsible for the current global warming.
 - b. Some animal species at the poles are decreasing in number.
2. **In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text. (2 points)**
 - a. Why is the hot weather a problem in Africa?
 - b. What effect might rising sea levels have?

3. Find the words in the text that mean: (1 point: 0.25 points each)

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

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the words in brackets when given. (2 points: 0.5 points each)

- a. We _____ afford to ignore the issue _____ climate change.
- b. Pollution, _____ is a major cause of global warming, _____ (emit) by factories since the nineteenth century.
- c. If we don't manage _____ (stop) climate change, some animal species _____ (become) extinct.

Complete the following sentence to report what was said.

- d. 'Are you going to attend the conference on climate change tomorrow?'
She asked him _____

5. Write about 150–200 words on the following topic. (3 points)

Describe how you think the world will change as a result of global warming.