

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.

1. Answer both subsections in this question. (2,5 points)

1.1 Indicate whether the following statements are True, False or the information is Not Given in the text (T/F/NG). In true and false cases, copy the part of the text which justifies your answer. (1,5 points)

1. All scientists believe temperatures will rise drastically.
2. The Spanish soil will never recover.
3. People have died as a consequence of desert expansion.
4. Polar bear numbers are increasing.
5. We can be sure what the effects of the melted ice will be.
6. People who live by the sea in the USA may experience problems.

1.2. Find a synonym for each of the following words. (1 point)

1. end 2. harmful 3. consequences 4. serious 5. depressing

2. Answer both subsections in this question. (2,5 points)

2.1. Write a new sentence that has the same meaning as the given one. Use the word or expression in brackets. (1,5 points)

1. Greenhouse gases are heating up the earth. (is being)
2. I think that you should do more to help the environment. (were)
3. Climate change is a problem that started many years ago. (for)
4. "Are you concerned about climate change?" she asked me. (whether)
5. It's annoying that so many politicians ignore climate change. (stop)
6. "Scientists published their findings last week," the journalist told me. (had)

2.2. Answer the following questions about pronunciation (1 point):

1. Write two words from the text that include the same vowel sound as "see" /i:/
2. Write two words from the text that include the same diphthong sound as "try" /aɪ/

3. In this text, fill in the gaps with the most suitable option from the four options given for each gap. (2,5 points)

Phil: Good morning, London! Welcome to Music Alive, the musical programme with a difference! Today, my wonderful colleague, Lee, and I about the amazing, one and only, Maria Callas. Lee, why don't you

1. will be chatting / will have chatted / were chatting / would have chatted

start by telling our listeners about who Maria Callas was.

2. little / few / a little / a few

Lee: Sure, I'd love to Phil. Well, for of you who don't know, Maria Callas was a famous singer, a very well-known opera singer. She was born 2 December, 1923 in New York City in the USA. Her parents were Greek immigrants who had emigrated from Greece to the USA in July, 1923. Unfortunately, Maria's mother and father were not very well suited and their home was never a particularly happy one.

3. this / those / that / these

Phil: Well, that's a pity. When you say her parents weren't 'well suited', what exactly do you?

4. say / mean / tell / intend

Lee: They weren't compatible at all. They had very little in common as the father was unambitious and easy going while the mother was full of life and socially ambitious. And if that weren't enough, the father had absolutely no interest in the arts while the mother had always had dreams of a life the arts.

5. with / of / among / in

Phil: Right, and when that life never happened, the mother transferred her dreams to her daughter, Maria.

Lee: That's exactly right, Phil. When Maria was around three years old, her mother first realised that her daughter had a unique singing voice. From a very young age, Maria was made to sing for others, she later claimed that she hated.

6. that / when / which / where

Phil: And it was in 1937 that the Callas marriage ended and the mother, Maria and Maria's sister moved back to Greece.

Lee: Yes, to Athens. And that was when Maria's musical education really began. the fact that Maria's mother wanted Maria to go to the esteemed Athens Conservatoire, she didn't do well at her audition to get in and was turned down. Never one to give up, the mother then went to speak with Maria Trivella, a teacher at the Greek National Conservatoire. Upon hearing Maria sing, she agreed to be her teacher.

7. However / Because / Despite / In spite

Phil: With Maria Trivella as a teacher, Maria Callas excelled. After making several public appearances as a student, Maria started performing in minor roles at the Greek National Opera. In February, 1941, Maria her professional debut in a small, but important role there.

8. kept / made / held / did

Lee: Then, she became a leading lady for the first time in August, 1942 at the Olympia Theatre. This was when people really began to stand up and take of what a gifted performer Maria was.

9. part / interest / attention / notice

Phil: Yes, finally. She performed very successfully in Italy, and did further performances in various venues in Greece. It was also around this time, that she began to think about returning to the USA.

Lee: And just before her 22nd birthday, in 1945, she packed her bags and left.

Phil: And did you know, Lee, that she had made fifty-six appearances in seven operas by then?

Lee: It's really quite incredible, it? I want to tell our audience about Maria's new start in New York City, but first we need to pause for a brief message from our sponsors.

10. isn't / wasn't / hasn't / is

4. Write a brief composition answering this question: Do you think there is anything we can do to help the environment? (120 words, 2,5 points).