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OPCIÓN A

CLIMATE CHANGE

The world's scientists have spoken clearly: climate change is the defining challenge of our age. Thousands of international scientists study the abrupt and irreversible changes of climate on our planet. A U.N. report predicted that a warming trend of 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit emitted into the atmosphere could put up to 30% of species on the planet at risk of extinction. A warming trend of 3 degrees would put millions of human beings at risk from flooding. Sea levels would rise by 28 to 43 cm, and most frightening of all, the melting of the Greenland ice sheet would swamp coastal cities.

Al Gore, Nobel Prize winner, makes strong efforts at the U.N. climate-change summit to cut greenhouse gases. He has delivered a rousing call for the world to take strong action to fight climate change without the United States, accusing his country of scuttling the United Nations conference in Bali.

All nations in the world will play a role in stopping this disaster, but their success and failure will depend on two countries: the U.S. and China, the world's two biggest carbon emitters. If they stop, we may stand a chance of preventing the grimmest consequences of climate change. If they fail, our future has been written.

QUESTIONS

1. Translate the following paragraph into Spanish (0-4 marks):

All nations in the world will play a role in stopping this disaster, but their success and failure will depend on two countries: the U.S. and China, the world's two biggest carbon emitters. If they stop, we may stand a chance of preventing the grimmest consequences of climate change. If they fail, our future has been written.

2. Read the text and, according to it, answer the questions. Use your own words. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 1 (3 as a whole).

- a) What are the possible risks of a warming trend of 3 degrees?
- b) Why is the melting of the Greenland ice sheet frightening?
- c) What is the attitude of Al Gore towards climate change?

3. Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below. 0 to 0.25 each (1 as a whole).

- a) account b) tendency c) catastrophe d) opportunity

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 0.25 each (2 as a whole).

After almost two weeks of marathon discussions, delegates _____ (1) (agree) on both the agenda for the negotiations and a 2009 deadline for _____ (2) (complete) them so that a pact to the Kyoto Protocol on greenhouse gas emissions _____ (3) (enter) into effect _____ (4) 2013. "I am speaking an inconvenient truth," _____ (5) (say) Gore, _____ (6) (refer) to the climate film that won him an Oscar. "My own country the United States is principally responsible _____ (7) obstructing progress here _____ (8) Bali.



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OPCIÓN B

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

Years ago, a cigarette commercial asked if you were smoking more, but enjoying it less. That describes the way many of us live today. We are doing more, but enjoying it less. And when that doesn't work, we compound the problem. In our frantic search for satisfaction, we try stuffing still more into our days, never realizing that we are taking the wrong approach.

The truth is simple; so simple it is hard to believe. Satisfaction lies with less, not with more. Yet, we pursue the myth that this thing, or that activity, will provide the satisfaction we so desperately seek. Arthur Lindman, in his devastating book, "The Harried Leisure Class," described the futility of pursuing more. His research found that as income rose, people bought more things to occupy their leisure time. But, ironically, the more things they bought, the less they valued any one of them. Carried to an extreme, he predicted massive boredom in the midst of tremendous variety. The was more than twenty years ago, and his prediction seems more accurate every year.

If we would like to enjoy life more, Lindman challenges us to experiment with him. How could we simplify our lives? What could we drop? What could we stop pursuing? What few things could we concentrate on? But words will never convince us. We must try it for ourselves.

QUESTIONS

1. Translate the following paragraph into Spanish (0-4 marks):

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2. Read the text and, according to it, answer the questions. Use your own words. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 1 (3 as a whole).

- What are people doing in their search for satisfaction?
- When do people normally start buying more things?
- Provided words are not convincing, what does Lindman recommend us to do?

3. Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below. 0 to 0.25 each (1 as a whole).

- catastrophic
- foresaw
- exact
- give up

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 0.25 each (2 as a whole).

- Cigarette smoke can come _____(1) your apartment from other apartments in many ways. The amount coming in usually depends _____(2) the ventilation in your apartment and the building, the weather, and cracks in walls and floors. Once in your apartment, the smell of tobacco _____(3) (be) absorbed into clothing and furniture.
- Other than _____(4) (get) your neighbour to stop smoking inside the building either through persuasion _____(5) legal remedies, it will be difficult to prevent the smoke odour _____(6) entering your apartment. Otherwise, you could try to get rid _____(7) the smell by _____(8) (keep) your windows open.