

**LANGUE VIVANTE I****Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe****ANGLAIS****Europe and global warming**

Europe must start work now to protect power stations, transport systems, and agriculture from flooding, droughts, forest fires and landslides likely to be caused by global warming, according to the draft of a report due out last week.

5 The draft analysis by the European commission paints a disturbing picture of the impact of temperatures that will scorch the southern Mediterranean, melt alpine and Scandinavian snows and flood low-lying coastal zones around the continent. Such is the scale of the potential problem that the report raises the possibility of “relocating ports, industry and entire cities and villages from low-coastal areas and flood plains”.

10 Faced with mounting evidence of rising temperatures, European governments agreed earlier this year to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20 percent of their 1990 level by 2020. The president of the European commission, José Manuel Barroso, highlighted the need for a new global pact to stem global warming after visiting a Greenland glacier that has become a symbol of climate change.

15 “We must do something. The situation is very dramatic” Barroso told Danish news agency *Ritzau* after a boat trip last Sunday along the west coast of the giant arctic island. Policy makers and environmentalists argue that, alongside the task of cutting carbon dioxide emissions, governments must prepare for drastic changes which will result from the inevitable rise in temperatures.

20 “What we are seeing now are the early signs of climate change as a result of the emissions produced in the 1960s and 1970s,” said Tom Burke (.....) “there is a 40-year lag between carbon entering the atmosphere and its effects starting to show (...)”

25 The document warns that unless there is advance planning, European countries will be left to respond to increasingly frequent crises and disasters which will prove much more costly and also threaten Europe’s social and economic systems and its security. It adds : “For impacts where we have enough confidence in the forecasts, adaptation must therefore start now”.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (08 points)

A. Vocabulary : Find in the text the synonyms to the following words (01,5 point)

- 1. emphasized (paragraph 3).....
- 2. menace : (paragraph 6).....
- 3. predictions : (paragraph 6).....

B. Paragraph matching : Match the following titles with the paragraphs they correspond to write in column B the paragraph numbers. (03 points)

A	B
Titles	Numbers
a. A duty for Europe	4.
b. Europe : A common decision	5.
c. What to do	6.
d. Possible consequences of weather changes on Europe	7.
e. Warnings	8.
f. The present effects of past gas emissions	9.

C. Circle True of False ? Justify by quoting relevant passages from the text (01 point)

- 10. The consequences of gas emissions are immediate. T/F
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- 11. According to the report, whatever the situation, Europe will face serious difficulties. T/F
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D. Reference : Who or what do the following words refer to in the text ? (01 point)

- 12. This year (paragraph 3).....
- 13. Their (paragraph 3).....

E. Mention 3 possible effects of the climate change on Europe (01,5 point)

- 14.
- 15.
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II. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (06 points)

F. Transformation : Rewrite the following sentences so as to have the same meaning (01,5 point)

- 17. "Carbon dioxide is a dangerous substance which can have a negative impact on the weather" he declared.
- He declared that.....
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- 18. When the atmosphere is polluted there are many illnesses
The....., the.....

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19. The European commission made a draft analysis about the climate change.
A draft analysis.....

G. **Asking questions** : Ask questions about the underlined words to complete this interview between Mr Barroso and a journalist (01 point)

20. Journalist –?
Mr Barroso – We hold meetings about air pollution twice a year

21. Journalist – According to you,?
Mr Barroso – The governments should reconsider the conclusions to find a solution

H. **Completion** : Complete with the right preposition (01,5 point)

Some people are really afraid of the impact of climate change, so they are interestedefficient solutions. In fact, some people suffer.....the side effects of the

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problem. They are angry with people who are responsible.....this phenomenon

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I. **Conjugation** : Put the verbs in brackets in the right tense or form (02 points)

As soon as we(to solve) the problem of air pollution we'll be in a better off.
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We are looking forward to(to set up) new living conditions. It's high
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time we(to be) ready and I'd rather we(not to waste) time.
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III. **ESSAY** Choose one topic and write about 200 words

1. Write an article in a newspaper about the causes and the consequences of air pollution. Propose some solutions.
2. Write a letter to your pen friend and tell him / her about the effects of climate change in your country.