21ST CENTURY SKILLS – UNIT 2 PART 1. VOCABULARY

Read and listen to the sentences with words from the student presentation you will hear. Guess the meanings of the words or phrases in blue (a-j). Then drag and drop them to complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase (1-10).

a. Before the flooding, government leaders did not believe that climate change was real. Now, however, they are finally taking it seriously.

b. Some cities have already made plans for climate change. Unfortunately, other cities have barely started their preparations. They need to do more, now.

c. Sea walls can give cities on the coast some protection against floods.

d. Scientists predict that by the year 2100, the sea level will rise by up to five feet.

e. One city with no natural lakes has built an artificial lake. The new lake can hold a lot of rainwater during heavy storms.

f. You can read about climate change in documents prepared by the United Nations.

g. Many countries agreed to reduce pollution, but without a plan of action it was mainly a symbolic gesture.

h. Loss of sea ice has dangerous consequences, such as more frequent floods.

i. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of floods in the last 10 years—up 50 percent.

j. At the current rate of increase, there will be more floods in the future.

1. The speaker has a soft voice so we can _____ hear her.

2. You should keep important _____ , such as your passport, in a safe place.

3. The photographs are not worth a lot of money, but they have great _____ importance.

4. Experts _____ that the world's population will be 9.7 billion in 2050.

5. He spends four hours every night on his homework. He is _____ his school work very _____ this semester.

6. There was a(n) _____ change in the price of oil in 2008. It fell from $145 to $30 in less than six months.

7. Any increase in the price of oil will have serious _____ for the whole country.

8. I use only real sugar in my coffee. I don't like the _____ kind.

9. The _____ temperature is 68 degrees F, but it will get warmer later today.

10. The police provide _____ for everyone in the city.

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