

WARNING ON GLOBAL WARMING

Global warming could cause drought and possibly famine in China, the source of much of Hong Kong's food, by 2050, a new report predicts. Hong Kong could also be at risk from flooding as sea levels rose. The report recommends building sea-walls around low-lying areas such as the new port and airport reclamations. Published by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the report, which includes work by members of the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences, uses the most recent projections on climate change to point to a gloomy outlook for China.

By 2050, about 30 to 40 per cent of the country will experience changes in the type of vegetation it supports, with tropical and subtropical forest conditions shifting northward and hot desert conditions rising in the west where currently the desert is temperate. Crop-growing areas will expand but any benefit is expected to be negated by increased evaporation of moisture, making it too dry to grow crops such as rice. The growing season also is expected to alter, becoming shorter in southern and central China, the mainland's breadbasket. The rapid changes make it unlikely that plants could adapt.

"China will produce smaller crops. In the central and northern areas, and the southern part, there will be decreased production because of water limitations", Dr. Rik Leemans, one of the authors of the report, said during a brief visit to the territory yesterday. Famine could result because of the demands of feeding the population - particularly if it grows - and the diminished productivity of the land. "It looks very difficult for the world as a whole", he said.

Global warming is caused by the burning of large amounts of fossil fuels, such as coal and oil, which release gases that trap heat in the atmosphere. World temperatures already have increased this century by about 6 degrees Celsius and are projected to rise by between 1.6 degrees and 3.8 degrees by 2100.

Dr. Leemans said China's reliance on coal-fired power for its industrial growth did not bode well for the world climate. "I think the political and economic powers in China are much greater than the environmental powers,

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and [greenhouse gas emissions] could accelerate,” Dr. Leemans said. “China is not taking the problem seriously yet, although it is trying to incorporate this kind of research to see what is going to happen.”

The climate change report, which will be released tomorrow, focuses on China but Mr. David Melville of WWF-Hong Kong said some of the depressing scenarios could apply to the territory. Food supplies, for instance, could be affected by lower crop yields. “Maybe we could afford to import food from elsewhere but you have to keep in mind that the type of changes experienced in southern China will take place elsewhere as well,” he said. Sea levels could rise as glaciers melted and the higher temperatures expanded the size of the oceans, threatening much of developed Hong Kong which is built on reclaimed land. Current projections are that sea levels worldwide will rise by 15 to 90 centimetres by 2100, depending on whether action is taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

“Hong Kong has substantial areas built on reclaimed land and sea level rises could impact on that, not only on Chek Lap Kok but the West Kowloon Reclamation and the Central and Western Reclamation - the whole lot,” Mr. Melville said, adding that sea walls would be needed. Depleted fresh water supplies would be another problem because increased evaporation would reduce levels. Mr. Melville said the general outlook could be helped if Hong Kong used water less wastefully and encouraged energy efficiency to reduce fuel-burning. He also called on the West to help China improve its efficiency.

49. Overall, what sort of picture is painted of the future effects of global warming?

- A. disastrous
- B. potentially disastrous
- C. relatively optimistic
- D. on balance things are going to be satisfactory

50. What is this passage?

- A. A report
- B. A preview of a report

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C. An article describing a response to a report

D. An article previewing a report

51. Mr David Melville suggests that in future more food could be imported into Hong Kong. He thinks these measures could be _____.

A. efficient

B. sufficient

C. insufficient

D. inefficient

52. The main point of paragraph 3 is to describe _____.

A. effects of changes in the climate of China on food production

B. future changes in the climate of China

C. effects of changes in the climate of China on the growing season

D. projected future changes in the climate of China

53. The main point of paragraph 5 is to describe _____.

A. global warming

B. the effects of global warming

C. the causes and projected effects of global warming

D. the causes and effects of global warming

54. Why does the writer add the information in square brackets in paragraph 5?

A. Because the quote is from a second language user whose command of English is not perfect.

B. Because, although they are not part of the original quote, the additional information given is necessary to understand the statement.

C. Because the writer is quoting from another source.

D. Because the writer wants to emphasize the meaning of these words.

55. In paragraph 7, which point is Mr Melville NOT making?

A. Suggesting that there is a potential disaster in Hong Kong

B. Suggesting that reclamation areas are at risk

C. Criticising current safeguards

D. Making a call for action

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56. How would you describe the Dr. Leeman's attitude towards China?

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| A. mainly favourable | B. critical |
| C. supportive in theory | D. admiring |

Phần 10. Hoàn thành hội thoại

Chọn 01 lựa chọn đúng ở mỗi câu hỏi để điền vào chỗ trống.

57. - "You missed an exciting start to the football match."

- "Yes, it's a pity I _____ on time."

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| A. am not | B. wasn't |
| C. haven't been | D. hadn't been |

58. - "I shouldn't have missed Mary's party."

- "It's a pity you _____; we had a lovely time."

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| A. haven't come | B. hadn't come |
| C. weren't coming | D. didn't come |

59. - "Do you mind if I tell Mary about your trip?"

- "Well, I'd rather you _____ anyone else about it."

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| A. didn't tell | B. wouldn't tell |
| C. not to tell | D. haven't told |

60. - "You're looking tired."

- "I'm exhausted. I wish my neighbours _____ loud music when I'm trying to sleep."

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. haven't played | B. won't play |
| C. wouldn't play | D. hadn't played |

61. - "It's a pity Sarah is still unemployed."

- "Yes, if only she _____ university."

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| A. would have finished | B. had finished |
| C. would finish | D. finishes |

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Phần 11. Chia dạng đúng của từ.

A live broadcast of any public event, such as a space flight or sporting occasion, is almost (62) _____ (62. **VARIABLE**) accompanied by the thoughts of a commentator. This may be on television, along with the relevant pictures, or (63) _____ (63. **ALTERNATE**) on radio. The technique involved differs between the two media, with radio broadcasters needing to be more explicit and (64.) _____ (64. **DESCRIBE**) because of the (65) _____ (65. **ABSENT**) of visual information. TV commentators do not need to paint a picture for their audience; instead their various (66.) _____ (66. **OBSERVE**) should add to the images that are already there. There will sometimes be silences and pauses in TV commentary, although these are becoming increasingly rare. Both types of commentators should try to be informative, but should avoid sounding (67.) _____ (67. **OPINION**). In sports commentary, (68.) _____ (68. **FAIR**) and impartiality to both sides is vital, but spontaneity and (69.) _____ (69. **ENTHUSE**) are valued by those watching or listening. Sports commentators usually broadcast live in an essentially unscripted way, although they may refer to previously prepared materials such as sports statistics. Because of the (70.) _____ (70. **PREDICT**) nature of live events, thorough preparation in advance is vital. The Internet has helped enormously with this aspect of the job. Anyone interested in becoming a commentator should have excellent organisational skills, the willingness to work (71) _____ (71. **REGULAR**) hours and a strong voice.

Phần 12. Viết lại câu

Chọn câu đồng nghĩa hoặc cận nghĩa nhất với câu đã cho.

72. It's a pity that Anne hates studying.

- A. Anne uses some strange methods when she studies.
- B. Anne receives very good grades although she doesn't study.
- C. Anne is very fond of studying something pitiful.
- D. It's too bad that Anne dislikes studying.

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73. The little boy could not carry such a heavy school bag.
- A. The little boy's disability made him unable to carry such a heavy school bag.
 - B. It was impossible for the little boy to carry such a heavy school bag.
 - C. The little was not capable of carrying such a heavy school bag.
 - D. The little boy is said to have been unable to carry such a heavy school bag.
74. People say that hundreds of local people have died in the floods.
- A. It is said that hundreds of local people have died in the floods.
 - B. Hundreds of local people were said to have died in the floods.
 - C. It is in the floods that hundreds of local people have died.
 - D. Hundreds of local people are said to have been died in the floods.
75. Coal, the main source of energy in many countries, is considered to be a serious pollutant.
- A. Coal, a serious pollutant, is considered the main source of energy in many countries.
 - B. People consider that coal is the main source of energy in many countries, a serious pollutant.
 - C. Coal, the main source of energy in many countries, is considered to be a serious polluted.
 - D. It is considered that coal, the main source of energy in many countries, is a serious pollutant.
76. Nora went to the gas station to have her tank filled.
- A. Nora's car is being repaired at the gas station.
 - B. Nora is going to the gas station to pick up her car.
 - C. Nora had her gas tank filled with gasoline.
 - D. Nora is going to the gas station to pick up her tank.

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Phần 13. Kết hợp câu

Chọn câu đồng nghĩa hoặc cận nghĩa nhất với cặp câu đã cho trong câu hỏi.

77. I am very unhappy about the grade I made on my biology exam. I know I should have studied more.

A. I know I should have studied more because I am very unhappy about the grade I made on my biology exam.

B. I am very unhappy about the grade I made on my biology exam so I know I should have studied more.

C. I am very unhappy about the grade I made on my biology exam, yet I know I should have studied more.

D. I am very unhappy about the grade I made on my biology exam but I know I should have studied more.

78. Very few students understand the lecture. The subject of the lecture is very confusing.

A. The subject of the lecture, which very few students understand, is very confusing.

B. Very few students understand the lecture which subject is very confusing.

C. The subject of the lecture, which is very confusing, very few students understand.

D. Very few students understand the lecture the subject of which is very confusing.

79. I can earn enough money to support my family. Thank you for your job offer.

A. Had you not offered me the job, earning enough money to support my family would be difficult.

B. Were you not to offer me the job, earning enough money to support my family would be difficult.

C. Should you not offer me the job, earning enough money to support my family will be difficult.

D. Had you not offered me the job, earning enough money to support my family would have been difficult.

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80. She heard the news about her friend's death. She broke down.

A. She broke down while she was hearing the news about her friend's death.

B. Having broken down, she heard the news about her friend's death.

C. She broke down the moment she heard the news about her friend's death.

D. She broke down the moment when she heard the news about her friend's death.

Phần 14: Lựa chọn 1 từ thích hợp có thể điền vào được 03 câu cho sẵn dưới đây.

81.

• After a thorough examination the inspector decided to _____ down the building as it posed a threat to the dwellers' safety.

• Be a man, Luke, _____ yourself together and stop crying. The girls are looking at you.

• Sally hated sitting at the first table in the classroom. The boys behind made it a point to _____ her long plaits and it hurt a lot.

82.

• The paparazzi denied that he had _____ the privacy of the rock star. He claimed he didn't feel guilty whatsoever.

• When Poland was _____ by German troops, most of the European nations just looked on.

• Hundreds of thrilled fans _____ the pitch soon after the final whistle was blown.

83.

• Smuggling drugs in some countries may _____ a maximum penalty of death.

• The law firm thought that Mr Bykowski could _____ out his threats and sue the multinational corporation for damages.

• They are expanding their fleet by adding new planes that can _____ up to 200 passengers.

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84.

- There was credible intelligence information that the chemical _____ might be targeted by environmental groups.
- Their efforts to _____ a bomb on a transatlantic flight were thwarted by the SWAT team.
- In an attempt to boost the town's image as the greenest town in the region they intend to _____ 2,000 seedlings in the centre.

85.

- Now, without anybody to turn to, he had to _____ the biggest challenge in his life.
- You're in love with her. Don't deny it. It's written all over your _____.
- The acne on his _____ didn't want to disappear no matter how often she went to the solarium.

Phần 15. Viết một bài luận 200 – 250 từ về chủ đề sau.

In your country, is there more need for land to be left in its natural condition or is there more need for land to be developed for housing and industry? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

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