

Listen to the piece of news on Allergy seasons and choose:

Climate change extends allergy season. March 20th, 2023



1- What is the National Phenology Network warning hay fever sufferers about?

- A) Spring has arrived later than usual.
- B) Spring has arrived up to four weeks earlier than usual.
- C) There will be no spring this year.
- D) The winter season will be longer.

2- Why do some people dread the arrival of spring?

- A) They dislike the warm weather.
- B) They have seasonal allergies like hay fever.
- C) They prefer winter sports.
- D) They have no interest in flowers.

3- What causes the misery associated with spring for some people?

- A) Snowstorms.
- B) Blooming plants and pollen.
- C) Excessive rainfall.
- D) Increased UV radiation.

4- How has the warmer weather affected hay fever season?

- A) It has shortened the season.
- B) It has prolonged the season.
- C) It has had no effect on the season.
- D) It has made the season milder.

5- Who are phenologists, climatologists, and meteorologists blaming for the unseasonably warmer weather?

- A) Pollution.
- B) Natural cycles.
- C) Climate change.
- D) Increased solar activity.

6- According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, how much warmer was the U.S. winter's average temperature compared to the 20th century average?

- A) 1.2 degrees.
- B) 2.7 degrees.
- C) 3.5 degrees.
- D) 4.0 degrees.

7- What impact does climate change have on the seasons for plants, according to Lauren Casey?

- A) It shortens the seasons.
- B) It results in earlier and longer seasons.
- C) It causes more frequent rain.
- D) It has no significant impact.

8- What does Lauren Casey refer to pollen as for people who suffer from allergies?

- A) A nuisance.
- B) An irritant.
- C) The enemy.
- D) A minor issue.

9- What health issues can pollen trigger or aggravate, according to the text?

- A) Skin rashes and fevers.
- B) Asthma attacks and mold allergies.
- C) Headaches and dizziness.
- D) Muscle cramps and joint pain.

10- What did another scientist say about acting on climate change?

- A) It has no effect on health.
- B) It really does matter for people's health.
- C) It only matters for the environment.
- D) It is too late to make a difference.