Task 1
Listen to the recording and complete the text below!



The Urgency of Addressing Climate Change

Climate change is one of the most pressing 1. _____ facing our planet today, influencing weather patterns, sea levels, and ecosystems. Just as mental health is crucial for individual well-being, 2. _____ climate change is essential for the survival and health of our global environment. The impact of climate change is far-reaching, 3. _____ not only natural systems but also human societies.

Everyone recognizes that climate change is a significant 4. _____. The scientific community overwhelmingly agrees that human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels and deforestation, are driving changes in the Earth's climate. These activities 5. _____ the concentration of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, leading to global warming. The consequences are evident in the increasing frequency and 6. _____ of extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, droughts, and heat waves. These changes do not discriminate; they impact all countries, regardless of their development status.

Besides environmental damage, climate change has severe social and economic implications. Rising temperatures and shifting weather patterns can 7. _____ agriculture, leading to food shortages and higher prices. This threatens food security, especially in vulnerable regions that rely heavily on agriculture. Additionally, climate change can 8. _____ water scarcity, impacting both drinking water supplies and irrigation for crops. The economic costs of climate change are staggering, with damages from natural disasters, health costs from pollution, and lost labor productivity due to heat stress.

Moreover, climate change 9. _____ a threat to biodiversity and ecosystems. Many species are unable to adapt quickly enough to the changing conditions, leading to shifts in habitats and, in some cases, extinction. Coral reefs, for example, are particularly vulnerable to rising sea temperatures and acidification. The loss of biodiversity not only 10. _____ natural beauty but also disrupts ecosystem services that humans rely on, such as pollination of crops, clean water, and disease regulation.

Finally, raising awareness about climate change is essential for mobilizing action and finding solutions. Just as with mental health, stigma and misinformation can 11. _____ progress. Public education and open discussions about climate change can lead to greater understanding and more effective responses. Governments, businesses, and individuals all have roles to play in 12. _____ climate change. This includes transitioning to renewable energy sources, improving energy efficiency, protecting forests, and adopting 13. _____ practices.

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The above facts prove that everybody needs to take climate change seriously to ensure a sustainable future. Just as 14. _____ mental health can improve individual and societal well-being, addressing climate change is crucial for the health of our planet and future generations. By recognizing the urgency of the issue and taking collective action, we can 15. _____ the impacts of climate change and work towards a more resilient world.

Task 2

Listen to the recording once more then indicate whether the statement is true or false!

No.	Statements	True	False
1.	Climate change only affects natural systems, not human societies.		
2.	The scientific community largely agrees that human activities are driving changes in the Earth's climate.		
3.	Deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels decrease the concentration of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere.		
4.	Extreme weather events, such as hurricanes and droughts, are becoming more frequent and intense due to climate change.		
5.	Climate change has no significant impact on global agriculture and food security.		
6.	Rising temperatures and shifting weather patterns can lead to higher food prices and food shortages.		
7.	Climate change does not affect water scarcity or drinking water supplies.		
8.	Coral reefs are particularly vulnerable to rising sea temperatures and acidification.		
9.	Biodiversity loss due to climate change has no impact on human reliance on ecosystem services.		
10.	Raising awareness and educating the public about climate change can help mobilize action and find solutions.		

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