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(61-75). Choose the word or phrase (a, b, c or d) that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

There is no (61) \_\_\_\_\_ that in recent years the number of private vehicles on the road has increased significantly. This has (62) \_\_\_\_\_ to numerous problems such as a (63) \_\_\_\_\_ in air pollution, a higher accident rate and, of course, far more traffic (64) \_\_\_\_\_. Some argue that if public transport played a greater role, then some of these problems might be (65) \_\_\_\_\_. However the current situation is unlikely to change dramatically in the near future (66) \_\_\_\_\_ certain actions are taken.

There are two important changes that the government would need to make it in (67) \_\_\_\_\_ for people to use public transport more. Firstly, prices would have to be reduced - (68) \_\_\_\_\_ by train, in particular, is not cheap in this country. Secondly, the quality and frequency of public transport services would need to be (69) \_\_\_\_\_. Many types of public transport are uncomfortable, unreliable or simply (70) \_\_\_\_\_. In addition, more dramatic changes, such as higher car taxes or congestion (71) \_\_\_\_\_, might put some individuals (72) \_\_\_\_\_ driving, particularly if there was a (73) \_\_\_\_\_ public transport service. (74) \_\_\_\_\_, it is important that the government aims to increase the role of public transport in order to (75) \_\_\_\_\_ individuals to use it more. As a result, traffic-related problems might be reduced.

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| 61. a. certain    | b. problem    | c. doubt       | d. comfort     |
| 62. a. taken      | b. led        | c. got         | d. showed      |
| 63. a. rise       | b. risen      | c. rising      | d. arise       |
| 64. a. regulation | b. offence    | c. congestion  | d. flow        |
| 65. a. fallen     | b. dropped    | c. reduced     | d. declined    |
| 66. a. if         | b. when       | c. in case     | d. unless      |
| 67. a. charge     | b. order      | c. advance     | d. certain     |
| 68. a. travel     | b. to travel  | c. traveled    | d. be traveled |
| 69. a. progressed | b. increased  | c. improved    | d. produced    |
| 70. a. frequent   | b. frequency  | c. infrequency | d. infrequent  |
| 71. a. charging   | b. increasing | c. leading     | d. causing     |
| 72. a. on         | b. in         | c. of          | d. off         |

73. a. more                      b. most                      c. better                      d. best  
 74. a. In contrast              b. To sum up              c. In addition              d. In terms  
 75. a. encourage              b. force                      c. discourage              d. recommend

**(76-80). Read the passage below carefully and choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.**

Scientists believe that something very serious is happening to the Earth. It is becoming warmer. Scientists predict that there will be major changes in the climate during the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Coastal water will have higher temperatures. This will have a serious affect on agriculture. Farmer will have trouble producing good crops. In warm regions the weather will be too dry. The amount of water could decrease by 50 percent. This would cause a large decrease in agricultural production.

World temperature could increase from 1.5 to 5.6 degrees Celsius by the middle of the 21st century. And the increase in temperature could be even greater in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. A rise in temperature could cause the great ice sheets to melt, which, in turn would raise the level of the oceans by one to two meters. Many coastal cities would be underwater. Why is all this happening?

The Earth and its atmosphere are kept warm by the Sun. The atmosphere lets most of the light from the Sun pass through to warm the Earth. The Earth is warmed by the sunlight and sends heat energy back into the atmosphere. Much of this energy escapes from the Earth's atmosphere. However, some of it remains. Gases such as carbon dioxide, ozone and water vapor absorb this energy and create more heat. Then this heat is sent back down to Earth, and the Earth becomes warmer.

76. Which of the following will be one of the results of warmer earth?  
 a. Crops will be destroyed completely.  
 b. The amount of water will decrease by half.  
 c. Farmers will find it hard to deal with the heat.  
 d. There will be no winter on earth.
77. A rise in temperature will be more remarkable \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. in the Arctic and Antarctic regions              b. in the coastal cities  
 c. in agricultural areas                                  d. under the great ice sheets
78. The melting of the polar ice sheets will probably lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- a. a rise in global temperatures
- b. the extinction of many polar animals
- c. the flooding of many coastal cities
- d. a severe winter all over the world

79. The Earth wouldn't become warmer if \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. the heat energy didn't escape from the Earth's atmosphere
- b. sunshine didn't pass through the atmosphere.
- c. the Earth didn't send heat energy back into the atmosphere
- d. carbon dioxide, ozone and water vapor didn't keep the heat energy

80. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- a. The decrease in agricultural production
- b. The problem of rising sea levels
- c. The reason why the Earth becomes warmer
- d. The amount of ozone in our atmosphere