**Confidential & Optional Assessment for the World Climate or World Energy Exercise Pre-Survey**

Soon you will participate in the World Climate or World Energy role-play simulation. Before you do, we ask you to complete this short survey. After the simulation we will ask you to complete another survey, in which you will also be asked to comment on what you thought about the exercise and how it affected you. Each survey will take about ten minutes to complete. The results will help us to improve the experience.

Your participation in the surveys is voluntary. Note that we ask for your name only to be able to match your pre- and post-simulation surveys to one another. Your name will then be deleted and all analysis will be done using the anonymous data. Surveys will be collected and processed by someone other than your instructor. Thank you for considering participating.

1) Have you participated in the World Climate or World Energy exercise before?

Yes No

2) What is your gender?

Female Male Other/don’t wish to specify

3) What is your age?

(for middle and high school): Up to Grade 8 Grade 9-12

(for adults): 18-24 25-35 36-50 51-75 76+

4) What Is Your Ethnicity?

African

Asian

Hispanic

Pacific Islander

White

Other/don’t wish to specify

5) What is the highest level of education achieved by one or both of your parents or guardians?

No school

• Elementary school only

Secondary (high) school

Some postsecondary (college) education

• Bachelor’s degree or beyond

6) What is the highest level of education that you have achieved?

No high school degree

• Secondary (high school) degree

Some postsecondary (college) education

• Bachelor’s degree or beyond

7) Were you in a science-related major in your postsecondary education?

Yes No

8) To what extent are you in favor of the government placing regulations on the free market?

Strongly in favor

• Somewhat in favor

Neutral

Somewhat opposed

Strongly opposed

9) What is your home country? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11) How would you rate your knowledge about climate change?

I have no knowledge of climate change

Very limited; I have heard about it, but I am not

aware of the facts

I have gathered some information about the

subject

I have been studying the effects of climate change

I am an expert on climate change

12) Do you think that climate change is happening?

Yes….

I am extremely sure I am very sure I am somewhat sure I am not at all sure

No….

I am extremely sure I am very sure I am somewhat sure I am not at all sure

Don’t know

13) Assuming climate change is currently happening, do you think it is:

Caused mostly by human activities

Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment

Caused equally by both

Don’t know

14) How important is the issue of climate change to you personally?

Extremely important

Very important

Somewhat important

Not too important

Not at all important

15) How worried are you about climate change?

Very worried Somewhat worried Not very worried Not at all worried

16) Please rate how you feel about climate change. Fill in one bubble between each set of bipolar adjectives. Select the bubble that is in the direction of your feelings.

Hopeless

Hopeful

Discouraged

Empowered

Indifferent

Engaged

Not Guilty

Guilty

Calm

Outraged/Angry

Unconcerned

Alarmed

Not afraid at all

Very afraid

17) Assuming climate change is happening, what are its expected impacts over the next few decades?

Extremely likely

Somewhat likely

Somewhat unlikely

Not likely

I don’t know

• Increased temperatures globally.

• Decreased temperatures globally.

• An overall increase in clean, potable water globally.

• An overall decrease in clean, potable water globally.

• Increased incidence and intensity of heat waves.

• Increased rates of extinction of plant and animal species.

• An overall decrease in global food production.

• An overall increase in global food production.

• Increased global sea level.

• Increased intensity of storms across many regions.

• No changes beyond natural variability in weather.

18) How likely are you to do the following?

Very likely

Somewhat likely

Unlikely

Will not do

• Take action to reduce your personal carbon footprint (e.g., ride your bike more, turn off lights when they are not needed, purchase renewable energy sources if available from your utility, etc.).

• Discuss climate change with your family and friends.

• Discuss climate change with your peers.

• Take some form of political action (e.g., write to your government officials, sign a petition, participate in a town hall meeting or rally) in support of climate change policy.

19) To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

Strongly agree

Moderately agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Moderately disagree

Strongly disagree

• With the current rate of heat-trapping/greenhouse gas emissions, carbon dioxidelevels will continue to increase because emission rates are higher than the rate at which carbon dioxideis being taken out of the atmosphere.

• It makes sense to wait and see what the climate impacts are before taking action.

• Changes in policies and energy systems are needed in order to effectively address climate change.

• New technologies will be developed that will solve the problems of climate change.

• Using current technologies, it is possible to reduce emissions and address climate change.

• We could effectively address climate change if there were strong political and social will to do so.

• Successfully addressing climate change will also improve environmental health, beyond the effects of climate itself.

• Successfully addressing climate change will have a positive impact on social justice.

20) Atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) concentrations are currently around 400 ppm (parts per million). Which of the following emissions pathways in Diagram 2 is most likely to meet the goal of stabilizing atmospheric CO2 concentrations around 450 ppm (Diagram 1)?

**Diagram 1 – Goal for CO2 in Atmosphere Diagram 2 – Potential Emission Pathways to Reach Goal**

A

B

C

D

5)

21) To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

Strongly agree

Moderately agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Moderately disagree

Strongly disagree

• The government interferes far too much in our everyday lives.

• Sometimes government needs to make laws that keep people from hurting themselves.

• It’s not the government’s business to try to protect people from themselves.

• The government should stop telling people how to live their lives.

• The government should do more to advance society’s goals, even if that means limiting the freedom and choices of individuals.

• Government should put limits on the choices individuals can make so they don’t get in the way of what’s good for society.

• We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country.

• Our society would be better off if the distribution of wealth was more equal.

• We need to dramatically reduce inequalities between the rich and the poor, whites and people of color, and men and women.

• Discrimination against minorities is still a very serious problem in our society.

• It seems like blacks, women, homosexuals and other groups don’t want equal rights, they want special rights just for them.

• Society as a whole has become too soft and feminine.

Thank you!