[Loai: ĐỌC HIỂU ĐỀ 9 – 8 CÂU]

[Q]

R**ead the following passage and choose the correct answer to each of the questions from 33 to 40.**

Humans are bringing about another global-scale change in the atmosphere: the increase in what are called greenhouse gases. Like glass in a greenhouse, these gases admit the Sun’s light but tend to reflect back downward the heat that is radiated from the ground below, trapping heat in the Earth's atmosphere. This process is known as the greenhouse effect. Carbon dioxide is the most significant of these gases – there is 25 percent more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere today than there was a century ago, the result of our burning coal and fuels derived from oil. Methane, nitrous oxide, and CFCs are greenhouse gases as well.

Scientists predict that increases in these gases in the atmosphere will make the Earth a warmer place. **They** expect a global rise in average temperature somewhere between 1.0 and 3.5 degrees Celsius in the next century. Average temperatures have in fact been rising and the years from 1987 to 1997 were the warmest years on record. Some scientists are reluctant to say that global warming has actually begun because climate naturally varies from year to year and decade to decade, and it takes many years of records to be sure of a fundamental change. There is little disagreement, though, that global warming is **looming**.

Global warming will have different effects in different regions. A warmed world is expected to have more extreme weather, with more rain during wet periods, longer droughts, and more powerful storms. Although the effects of future climate changes are unknown, some predict that exaggerated weather conditions may translate into better agricultural yields in areas such as the western United States, where temperature and rainfall are expected to increase, while dramatic decreases in rainfall may lead to severe droughts and **plunging** agricultural yields in parts of Africa, for example.

Warmer temperatures are expected to partially melt the polar ice caps, leading to a projected sea level rise of 50 centimeters by the year 2050. A sea level rise of this magnitude would flood coastal cities, force people to abandon low-lying islands, and completely inundate coastal wetlands. Diseases like malaria, which at present are primarily found in the tropics, may become more common in the regions of the globe between the tropics and the polar regions, called the temperate zones. For many of the world’s plant species, and for animal species that are not easily able to shift their territories as their habitat grows warmer, climate change may bring extinction.

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Q 33

Which of the following could be the best title of the passage?

0. Global Warming: Problems and Solutions

0. Global Warming: Advantages and Disadvantages

0. Global Warming: Future Reactions

1. Global Warming: Possible Causes and Effects

[Q]

According to paragraph 1, which of the following factors causes an increase in greenhouse gases?

0. Glass in a greenhouse

1. Humans

0. Carbon dioxide

0. Solar radiation

[Q]

The word ‘**They**’ in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_

1. Scientists

0. Temperatures

0. Gases

0. Increases

[Q]

The word ‘**looming**’ in paragraph 2 probably means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

0. Fading

0. Showing

0. Ending

1. Appearing

[Q]

According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?

1. Few scientists agree that global warming is looming.

0. Global climate naturally changes over time.

0. Changes in climate are not easy to be documented.

0. Some scientists are not sure that global warming has begun

[Q]

The word ‘**plunging**’ in paragraph 3 probably means

0. Improving

0. Increasing

0. Preventing

1. Decreasing

[Q]

What may be the benefit of exaggerated weather conditions for the western United States?

0. Minimal natural disasters

1. Higher agricultural production

0. Decrease in rainfall during wet periods

0. Favorable weather conditions

[Q]

Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?

0. Sarcastic

1. Informative

0. Ironic

0. Argumentative