

GRADE TEN, LISTENING SCRIPT
(Practice Exam - Unit 2: Climate Change)

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LISTENING 1

(a conversation between two students, Salem and Mona, about their school's Green Week)

- Woman:** Hi Salem! Have you finished the poster for our school's Green Week?
- Man:** Almost, Mona. I stayed up late last night drawing it. The week is about climate change, right?
- Woman:** Yes. The environment club wants students to understand how serious global warming is.
- Man:** It's a real problem. My uncle says summers in Oman are getting hotter every year.
- Woman:** That's because of the greenhouse gases that come from cars and factories.
- Man:** Exactly. So what activities are we planning for the week?
- Woman:** On Sunday, we'll show a short film about polar bears losing their homes.
- Man:** Poor animals! The ice caps are melting, so the sea level is rising.
- Woman:** Right. Then on Monday, every class will bring old plastic bottles for recycling.
- Man:** Good idea. Single-use plastic is a huge threat to our oceans and turtles.
- Woman:** And on Wednesday, Mr Rashid will give a talk about saving energy at home.
- Man:** My family already switched to LED lights. We also turn off the air conditioning when we go out.
- Woman:** Great habit! What about the debate on Thursday - are you joining?
- Man:** Of course. Our team will argue that governments should make stronger laws.
- Woman:** My cousin says debates teach us to give evidence for our opinions.
- Man:** True. And they make us confident speakers too.
- Woman:** And our team will say individual habits matter more. It will be fun!
- Man:** Should we invite a climate expert to judge the debate?
- Woman:** Ms Laura from the Environment Society promised to come on Thursday morning.
- Man:** Excellent. Let's meet tomorrow at break time to finish the poster, then.
- Woman:** Perfect. See you in the library at ten o'clock!
- Man:** See you there!

(266 words) (Target Range: 250-300 words)

LISTENING 2

(a talk about the causes and effects of climate change)

Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our Green Week. Today, I'm going to talk about the causes and effects of climate change.

Climate change means a long-term change in the Earth's weather patterns. Global temperatures are rising, and scientists say the main reason is human activity.

The biggest cause is burning fossil fuels, such as coal, oil and gas. Cars, factories and power plants release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every day.

Because of these greenhouse gases, the Earth keeps more heat, so the planet becomes warmer. This is called the greenhouse effect. It works like a blanket around the Earth, and human activity is making that blanket thicker every year.

As a result of global warming, the ice caps are melting, and the sea level is rising. Some low islands are already in danger of disappearing.

Here in Oman, we already feel this change. Summers are becoming longer and hotter, and heat waves are more common than in the past. Climate change also causes extreme weather around the world. Some countries now suffer from long droughts, while others face devastating floods and storms.

Wildlife is at risk too. Polar bears, turtles and koalas are losing their natural habitats, and some species may not survive. When an animal loses its home, the whole balance of nature changes.

However, we can all help. If we reduce plastic waste, save energy and plant trees, we will protect our planet for the future. Remember: every degree matters, and every action counts. Small actions today can make a big difference tomorrow.

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