

**The text:**

The modern world is changing faster than at any time in history. This is creating problems for our planet, but it is also creating new exciting opportunities. Twenty years from now, which will make the most difference to our lives – the problems or the opportunities? That is the key question.

Many people are pessimistic about the future of our planet; they believe that entire regions will be uninhabitable because of global warming. Others argue that the world will become more and more polluted, until it is no longer a safe or healthy place to live. It is true that global warming and pollution have both increased rapidly during the past twenty years. If the increase at the same rate during the next twenty years, the situation will become disastrous.

On the other hand, there are many reasons to be optimistic about the future. During the next twenty years, there will be important advances in medicine and technology. Our lives will be healthier and more enjoyable because doctors will be able to cure most illnesses. What is more, I believe the scientists will find ways to show down or even prevent global warming.

In conclusion, I believe that life will be better twenty years from now. Although there are serious problems facing the world, I don't think that the situation will get out of control. I believe science will advance quickly enough to find solutions.

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**PART ONE (14 pts)**

**A/- Reading Comprehension (07 pts)**

Read the text carefully and do the following activities:

**Activity One: (02 pts). Answer the following questions:**

- 1- Is the modern world changing faster?
- 2- Why will our lives be healthier and more enjoyable?

**Activity Two: (03 pts). Match each idea with the corresponding paragraph.**

<b>Paragraph 1</b>	a- A summary of the writer's opinion.
<b>Paragraph 3</b>	b- An introduction of the main issues.
<b>Paragraph 4</b>	c- Evidence to support the writer's own opinion.

**Activity Three: (02 pts)**

**1- Find in the text words that are closest in the meaning to the following:**

- 1- quickly = .....
- 2- sicknesses = .....

**2- Find in the text words that are opposite in the meaning to the following:**

- 1- ancient ≠ .....
- 2- optimistic ≠ .....

**B- Mastery of Language (07 pts)**

**Activity One: (02 pts) Supply the punctuation and capital letters where necessary.**

the global warming destroys the earth so we should reduce pollution

**Activity Two: (03 pts). Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

- 1- If the temperature (rise) by 1°C, the world (face) severe droughts.
- 2- Tropical rain forests (burn down) if we (not find) ways to reduce the global warming.
- 3- It (to be) great when the scientists (to find) solutions to all the Earth problems.

**Activity Three: (02 pts) Pick out from the text four words and complete the table according to the pronunciation of their final (s).**

/ s /	/ z /	/ ɪz /
1- .....	1- ..... 2- .....	1- .....

**PART TWO: Written Expression (06 pts)**

"Five years from now, life will be much easier and healthier for ordinary people than it is today".

Do you agree or disagree with this? Give reasons and your own opinion. The text above may help you and remember to use the present simple and the future simple when writing your short paragraph.

These sentences may help you:

- Life / not to be / difficult than now.
- Many changes / to take place / in every field.
- Scientists / to solve / problems
- Life / to become / healthier.
- Doctors / to cure / many serious illnesses
- Ordinary people / to live / better than now.

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