



UNIVERSIDADES DE ANDALUCÍA  
PRUEBA DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD  
CURSO 2008-2009

Análisis de Texto en  
Lengua Extranjera  
Inglés

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### Natural disasters

1. First it was Katrina, which left New Orleans under water and devastated the Gulf coast of the U.S. in
2. 2005. Then, three years later, Gustav was a major storm with winds of 110 m.p.h., strong enough to
3. cause billions of dollars in damage in the Caribbean. Also in 2008, the Pacific area suffered the vast
4. impact of Nargis, a tropical storm that killed 100,000 people in the Southeast of Asia.
5. All these hurricanes in such a short period of time raise the question of whether storms are getting
6. stronger and, if so, what is causing them. According to a recent article in the scientific journal *Nature*,
7. the answer is yes, and global warming seems to be responsible. Researchers have analysed the data of
8. tropical storms since 1981 and have found that the maximum wind speeds of the strongest storms
9. have increased in the last few years. They believe that rising ocean temperatures, due to global
10. warming, are one of the main causes behind that change; they argue that warmer sea temperatures
11. will result in stronger storms.
12. Not everyone agrees because the records of past hurricane strength are insufficient, so it is difficult
13. for scientists to determine if this increase in storms' intensity is due to global warming or if it had
14. started before. And the weather, as we all know, is quite complicated and it is difficult to predict how
15. future warming might affect the formation of storms.
16. Whether or not warming will create more superstorms, we know that hurricanes will happen and
17. they will strike again. The question is, are we prepared for them? We know that natural disasters will
18. undoubtedly continue happening, so we need to be prepared: Gustav caused far less damage than
19. Katrina because it was a weaker storm, but also because people were ready this time.

### A \* COMPREHENSION

(4 points)

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

(1 point per answer)

- 1 What happened in New Orleans in 2005?
- 2 According to scientists, what role do oceans play in the formation of storms?

ARE THESE STATEMENTS **TRUE OR FALSE?** JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT,  
OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

(0.5 points per answer)

- 3 It has been proved that storm winds have increased their speed lately.
- 4 There is a general agreement that global warming causes tropical storms.
- 5 It is hard to determine if future catastrophic storms will be caused by global warming.
- 6 Katrina was more damaging than Gustav only because it was a stronger storm.



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**B \* USE OF ENGLISH**

**(3 points)**

- 7 **FIND IN THE TEXT ONE OPPOSITE** FOR "weakness" (NOUN). (0.25 points)
- 8 **WHICH WORD** DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? (0.25 points)  
principal / main / major / trivial
- 9 **FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD** MEANING "destroy" (VERB). (0.25 points)
- 10 **GIVE AN ADJECTIVE** WITH THE SAME **ROOT** AS "predict" (VERB). (0.25 points)
- 11 **TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH:** (0.5 points)  
"The journalist asked: 'Will global warming create more superstorms?'"
- 12 **FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:** (0.5 points)  
"Scientists ..... precise data only for the last ten years".  
use / have been using / should be using / has used
- 13 **FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:** (0.5 points)  
"If the instructor (teach) ..... them to swim, they would have saved their lives".
- 14 **USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM:** (0.5 points)

just	told	to	they	wait	been	have
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**C\* PRODUCTION**

**(3 points)**

- 15 **WRITE A COMPOSITION** OF APPROXIMATELY **120** WORDS. CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS, AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT. **SPECIFY YOUR OPTION.**
- a) Advantages and disadvantages of living in a beautiful tropical area like the Caribbean.  
b) Do you think people should pay more attention to the environment in order to prevent natural disasters? Give reasons.