

### Criteria de correcció (llengua anglesa)

Després de llegir el text, contesteu les preguntes seguint les instruccions que es donen en cada cas. Cada pregunta val un punt. En les preguntes d'opció múltiple, es descomptaran 0,5 punts per error; en la resta, es descomptaran 0,05 punts per cada falta d'ortografia, de morfologia, de lèxic o de sintaxi.

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#### Choose the correct answer (1-7).

1. Fill in the blank: The \_\_\_\_\_ expensive natural disaster in American history was Hurricane Katrina.  
*b*) most
2. The difference between hurricanes and typhoons  
*a*) is geographical location.
3. The fact that the water temperature in the Atlantic Ocean has increased since 1995  
*b*) is at least partly responsible for the increase in strong storms.
4. Weather satellites capture data that  
*a*) measure a hurricane's strength.
5. Hurricanes are caused by  
*b*) a combination of high water temperature, moist air, and Earth's rotation.
6. In the past generation, coastal populations around the world  
*a*) have increased.
7. Fill in the blank: Much of New Orleans \_\_\_\_\_ by Hurricane Katrina.  
*c*) was left in ruins
8. Change the sentence "North Atlantic hurricanes, responding to a natural cycle, are expected to increase in number over the next decade" by inserting the word "Experts" at the beginning:  
*Experts expect North Atlantic hurricanes to increase in number over the next decade.*
9. Give two reasons why hurricanes cause more damage today than before 1995. (Please do not copy text but rather answer in your own words; maximum 60 words.)

[Reason 1] Hurricanes cause more damage today than before 1995 because there has been an increase in coastal populations, which are vulnerable to the effects of these storms. [Reason 2] In addition, in this same period there has been an increase in the number of strong storms, which cause more damage, because of a tropical climate shift that has brought with it warmer waters in the Atlantic.

10. According to the text, why is the outlook on strong storms not promising? (Please do not copy text but rather answer in your own words; maximum 60 words.)

The outlook is not promising because experts are predicting an increase in the number of strong storms. A tropical climate shift that is part of a natural cycle has brought warmer water temperatures to the Atlantic, which has resulted in stronger storms since 1995. Since the population in coastal areas has increased, the possibility for more very strong storms that kill many people and cause much damage is high. In addition, experts are still unable to predict the paths of hurricanes, which would help to save lives. [The answer should refer to the probable increase in strong storms and to the increase in population in areas affected by these storms, and optionally to the idea that better predictions would result in fewer deaths.]