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OPTION B

EXTREME COLD WEATHER SPREADS EAST

- 1** On Thursday, Midwesterners walked heavily toward a familiar reality: temperatures well below zero, schools and businesses closed, warnings to wear extra layers or, just stay indoors. The polar mass of air that arrived this week has disrupted life across an entire region. Deaths and injuries were
- 5** reported. And even stepping outside remained a painful, risky experience. But the forecast finally suggested relief ahead. By Thursday night, temperatures across the Midwest were expected to rise slowly above zero. By the end of the weekend, meteorologists predicted a 70- or 80-degree swing, with readings in the 40s or 50s and rain instead of snow.
- 10** Still, risks remained. A band of snow complicated travel on Thursday, and in the Northeast, officials warned of their own cold wave, with heavy snow in some places and wind chills in others. Officials in New York and other parts of the Northeast warned residents to prepare for temperatures that could be dangerous.
- 15** The extremely low temperatures this week in parts of the United States stand in sharp contrast to the trend toward warmer winters. Emerging research suggests that a warming Arctic is causing changes in the jet stream and pushing polar air down to latitudes that are unaccustomed to them. Friederike Otto, a climate scientist who studies how specific weather events
- 20** are exacerbated by global warming, said that while not all of these extreme events could be attributed to climate change, the profound changes in the earth's atmosphere raised "the likelihood of a large number of extreme events."

QUESTIONS

- [1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).**

What caused extreme cold weather in some parts of the USA?

- [2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST TWO WORDS AND THE LAST TWO WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

- 2.1. The weather in the Northeast was not as severe as it was in the Midwest.
2.2. Low temperatures this week do not stand in sharp contrast to warmer winters.
2.3. The effects of climate change will probably provoke more extreme weather events.

- [3] CHOOSE A, B OR C. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).**

- a) The polar mass of air has made life easier for most westerners.
b) In the Midwest, temperatures were expected to be better by Thursday night.
c) Friederike Otto says that all the extreme events can be attributed to global warming.

- [4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).**

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a prediction of future events, especially coming weather.
b) people who live somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis.

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) disparity
d) tendency
e) deep

- [5] COMPLETE TASKS A AND B ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

a. Change into the passive voice: The polar mass of air that arrived this week has disrupted life across an entire region.

b. Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: By Thursday night, temperatures across the Midwest were expected to rise slowly above zero.

- [6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).**

What's the best/worst season of the year for you and why?