Texte 01.

 Climate is usually defined as the "average weather" in a place. It includes patterns of temperature, precipitation (rain or snow), humidity, wind and seasons. Climate patterns play a fundamental role in shaping natural ecosystems, and the human economies and cultures that depend on them. But the climate we’ve come to expect is not what it used to be, because the past is no longer a reliable predictor of the future. Our climate is rapidly changing with disruptive impacts, and that change is progressing **faster** than any seen in the last 2,000 years.

According to some reports **rising** levels of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere have warmed the Earth and are causing wide-ranging impacts, including rising sea levels; melting snow and ice; more extreme heat events, fires and drought; and more extreme storms, rainfall and floods. Scientists project that these trends will continue and in some cases accelerate, posing significant risks to human health, our forests, agriculture, freshwater supplies, coastlines, and other natural resources that are vital to our economy, environment, and our quality of life.

Some short-term climate variation is normal, but longer-term trends now indicate a changing climate. All states and societies around the globe need to reduce human-caused greenhouse gas emissions to avoid **worsening** climate impacts and reduce the risk of creating changes beyond our ability to respond and adapt. Now all states is addressing this challenge and has adopted policies to reduce energy use, **limit** greenhouse gas emissions, and build a clean energy economy and we can take more actions to reduce progressively worsening impacts.

**I.1. Questions:**

1. What is the definition of the climate given by the Author in this text?

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2. Referring to the text, What is the importance of the climate?

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3. is the climate stable all the time?

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4. What are factors that are causing the climate change?

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5. What we can do about this problem?.

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6. Give a suitable title to this text?

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7. Give a definition to underlined words.

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**I.2. Synonyms and Opposites**

1. Find words or expressions from the text that have similar meaning to the following words.

variation:………………………………..;decrease:………………………………

provide:…………………………………,fastly:………………………………..

1. Find words or expressions from the text that have opposite meaning to the following words.

constant:………………………………..,few:…………………………………

narrow:……………………………………,cool:…………………………….

**II.** Complete these sentences with: **in**, **at** or **on**.

1. It can be dangerous when children play football…………………….the street.
2. We got stuck in a traffic jam………………………the way to the airport.
3. ……………………….the end of the street there is a path leading to the river.
4. Ann’s brother lives ………………………………a small village…………….the south coast of England.