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CRITERIOS DE CALIFICACIÓN

1. Preguntas sobre el texto: 1 punto cada una.
2. Redacción: 5 ptos.: se evaluará la precisión gramatical y léxica, la amplitud de vocabulario y estructuras usadas, la distribución correcta de párrafos, la puntuación adecuada, la cohesión del texto y la ortografía

READ THE FOLLOWING TEXT

Cloud Seeding

Cloud seeding is a technique by which silver iodide is taken up in aircrafts to drop on top of clouds and make rain fall in selected areas. In this way, rain can be controlled and avoided at important dates, as it happened during the 2008 Beijing Olympics, when this technique was used before opening ceremonies.

Experiments on weather control have been taking place since 1946. In fact, cloud seeding was used during the Vietnam War in the 1970's to make rainy season longer and so debilitate the enemy. The problem seems to be that seeded storms may be stronger than the natural ones. Hurricane Harvey destroyed some areas of Texas in 2017 and it was one of the most violent hurricanes ever. It seems that experiments on cloud seeding had taken place in the area a few days before, so there is a suspicion of an artificially amplified storm. Back in the 1950's, a terrible storm happened in the United Kingdom, and it was admitted by the government that experiments on weather control had occurred. So Hurricane Harvey is suspected to be an experiment which also went wrong.

This technique of weather control is being used in extremely dry areas, like the United Arab Emirates, where the only source of water is desalination, a quite expensive process. After cloud seeding, the country has become one of the world's biggest consumers of water. It is also widely used in Russia, where it never rains on Victory Day, City Day or Russia Day, the most important public holidays in Moscow.

The facts is that, apart from worries about its misuse, many scientists doubt if cloud seeding really works or not, because weather control has never been statistically proved to function. It seems that some storms can be controlled, but the weather cannot actually be changed by these techniques. Global warming cannot be stopped by cloud seeding.

Answer the following questions with full sentences:

1.- What is cloud seeding?

2.- When was cloud seeding used in Beijing?

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3.- How was cloud seeding used during the Vietnam War?

4.- What is the main source of water in the United Arab Emirates?

5.-Why do many scientists doubt cloud seeding works?

Writing exercise:

In about 80-100 words, write an opinion essay on the following topic: Is Global Warming really happening?