

MÓDULO 9
INTERPRETAÇÃO TEXTUAL

TEXT 1

NEW CREDIT CARD LIMITATIONS IN THE US

Credit card companies in the US will soon be bound by new restrictions on their ability to charge fees, or raise interest rates on existing borrowings.

The bill is designed to protect credit card users from unexpected fees or increases to their interest rates.

The US government has been concerned to tighten its regulation of the banking system in the light of the credit crunch and banking crisis.

"This cements a victory for every American consumer who has ever suffered at the hands of the credit card industry," said Senator Christopher Dodd, chairman of the Senate banking committee.

Americans currently owe nearly \$1 trillion on their credit cards. The US government has been concerned to tighten its regulation of the banking system in the light of the credit crunch and banking crisis.

1. (EN 2009) The US government has changed credit card regulations
- a) to keep their ability to charge fees and raise interest rates.
 - b) to help financial companies.
 - c) to raise the credit limitations.
 - d) to raise consumer protection.
 - e) to avoid a credit crunch and banking crisis.

TEXT 2

CULLING PIGS IN FLU FIGHT, EGYPT ANGERS HERDERS AND DISMAYS U.N.

Cairo -- Egypt has begun forcibly slaughtering the country's pig herds as a precaution against swine flu, a move that the United Nations described as "a real mistake" and one that is prompting anger among the country's pig farmers.

The decision, announced Wednesday, is already adding new strains to the tense relations between Egypt's majority Muslims and its Coptic Christians. Most of Egypt's pig farmers are Christians, and some accuse the government of using swine flu fears to punish them economically.

2. (EN 2009) Which is the best alternative considering some of the statements are true (T) and others are false (F)?

- I. The action Egypt has taken against the swine flu increased the conflict between Muslims and Christians.
- II. The action Egypt has taken against the swine flu caused anger among pig farmers.
- III. The U.N. considered the swine flu a real mistake.
- IV. The U.N. supported the decision taken by Egypt.
- V. The population of Egypt is mostly Muslims.
- VI. The government wants to punish the Egyptians.

The best alternative is

- a) I-(T) II-(T) III-(F) IV-(F) V-(T) VI-(F)
- b) I-(T) II-(F) III-(T) IV-(T) V-(F) VI-(F)
- c) I-(F) II-(F) III-(T) IV-(F) V-(F) VI-(T)
- d) I-(T) II-(T) III-(T) IV-(F) V-(T) VI-(F)
- e) I-(F) II-(T) III-(F) IV-(F) V-(F) VI-(T)

TEXT 3

CLIMATE CHANGE WILL DESTROY US

Climate change over the next 20 years could result in a global catastrophe costing millions of lives in wars and natural disasters.

A secret report, suppressed by US defense chiefs and obtained by The Observer, warns that major European cities will be sunk beneath rising seas as Britain is plunged into a 'Siberian' climate by 2020. Nuclear conflict, mega-droughts, famine and widespread rioting will erupt across the world.

The document predicts that abrupt climate change could bring the planet to the edge of anarchy as countries develop a nuclear threat to defend and secure dwindling food, water and energy supplies. The threat to global stability vastly eclipses that of terrorism, say the few experts privy to its contents.

'Disruption and conflict will be endemic features of life,' concludes the Pentagon analysis. 'Once again, warfare would define human life.'

3. (EN 2009) According to the text above, what will be the result of climate change?
- a) Hunger, war, lack of rain, public disturbance.
 - b) War, eclipses, cold weather, lack of rain.
 - c) Hunger, cold weather, conflict, eclipses.
 - d) Terrorism, nuclear threat, eclipses, rising seas.
 - e) Public disturbance, rising seas, global stability, nuclear threat.
4. (EN 2009) What is NOT true according to the text?
- a) Humans will have violent times.
 - b) England will be colder than it is today.
 - c) Climate changes will happen unexpectedly sudden.
 - d) Climate change will be more serious than terrorism.
 - e) Europe will be under the sea.
5. (EN 2009) Considering the text, what does the word "dwindling" mean in this extract?
- a) widespreading
 - b) decreasing
 - c) stable
 - d) existing
 - e) proper

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