**ASV I – Week 21 – Exercise**

**1. Choose the best tense forms to express the future in the following.**

Scientists say that the level of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere is increasing at an alarming rate, and they forecast that it (1) (a) *continues* (b) *is continuing* (c) *WILL CONTINUE* to rise while we (2) (a) *continue* (b) *will continue* (c) *will be continuing* to burn fossil fuels. They believe that this build-up of carbon dioxide (3) (a) *causes* (b) *is causing* (c) *will cause* a marked rise in the earth's temperature in the twenty-first century. If they (4) (a) *are* (b) *are being* (c) *are going to be* proved right, we (5) (a) *see* (b) *are seeing* (c) *will be seeing* unprecedented climatic change in the next century. Because when the earth's temperature (6) (a) *rises* (b) *will rise* (c) *will have risen* ice caps will melt and seas will rise. And as the seas (7) (a) *rise* (b) *will rise* (c) *are going to rise*, there will be widespread flooding.

A report some years ago suggested that in the third quarter of the next century, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere (8) (a) *is doubling* (b) *will have doubled* (c) *will have been doubling*. If this massive build-up of carbon dioxide (9) (a) *occurs* (b) *is occurring* (c) *will have occurred* the average earth temperature will increase by several degrees.

Another report claims that these serious climatic changes (10) (a) *actually begin* (b) *are actually beginning* (c) *will actually begin*  rather sooner. It says as the changes (11) (a) *take* (b) *have taken* (c) *will take* effect, some northern areas­ – New York for example – could become semi-tropical. This report also says that the growing season (12) (a) *becomes* (b) *will become* (c) *has become*  longer in some areas, but that in the south drier conditions (13) (a) *decrease* (b) *are decreasing* (c) *will decrease*  crop yields.

Nothing that we (14) (a) *do* (b) *are doing* (c) *will do* in the next few decades will make much difference, it seems, unless we (15) (a) *stop* (b) *are stopping* (c) *will be stopping* burning fossil fuels. I only hope the scientists (16) (a) *manage* (b) *are managing* (c) *will be managing*  to come up with a solution. If they (17) (a) *don't* (b) *won't* (c) *haven't*, then there are global problems ahead. Perhaps we'll only realize the extent of the problem when we (18) (a) *leave* (b) *are leaving* (c) *have left* it too late.

**2. Decide what time is broadly being referred to by the modals in the following. Mark each sentence Past, Present or Future - or Future in the past.**

1 Come early and we *can* have a picnic.

2 *Can* there be life on Mars?

3 It *may* well rain tomorrow.

4 You *may* be old, but that doesn't excuse you.

5 *Shall* we ever discover the truth?

6 The sea *could* be very rough that winter.

7 My cousin *could* be over there, but you're in the way.

8 You *will* be paid.

9 She hasn't telephoned - she *might* be ill.

10 Try as he *might* - he was unable to open the safe.

11 He *might* still come.

12 It's so cold - it *could* be the middle of winter.

13 I *could* telephone later if you like.

14 All he *would* do was accept £5.

15 It was late in the year. Soon it *would* be Christmas.

16 I *should* think it's much too expensive.

17 I telephoned so that they *shouldn't* worry.

18 I'm sorry you *should* think so.