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**Response Essays. Read each of the two following selections. Write an essay for each one (150-200 words per composition—50 points each). Please organize your composition with a thesis statement, subordinate ideas and supporting material. Pay attention to smooth transition and logic. Be sure to provide a title.**

- (1) According to *Time*, the American weekly news magazine published in New York City, the world economy is slowly improving now, although it could be frustrated by unexpected shocks. For example, conflict with Iran could increase oil prices, economic turmoil in China could affect the global economy, and the euro currency crisis could also hurt growth worldwide. **What, then, does the current economic outlook mean for you?**
  
- (2) “Global warming” is understood to mean that “the average temperature of the Earth's atmosphere and oceans is increasing.” The myriad effects of global warming include the melting of icecaps in the Arctic Ocean, a rise in sea level, the extinction of plants and wildlife, and the spread of disease, to name only the notable. However, the 2014 North American cold wave is an example of the extreme weather events caused by the polar vortex that has affected Canada, the United States, and other parts of the world, including Taiwan. **Is there a possibility to generate an intragovernmental networking to mitigate this kind of abrupt climate change? Is there a politics of climate change? Do we need to make some changes in our consuming behaviors?**