

EXAMEN FINAL

MEMORIES OF MY LIFE

Hi. My name is Harold MacKagan and I think I had had a very interesting life. I was born in 1940, I'm 73 now and I don't work anymore. I was in the army for 51 years. I retired 2009. I had been to so many countries that I can't remember all of them. I'd been to Australia six or seven times and to South Africa three times. I had also been once to Russia but I didn't like it at all: much too cold for me! People say that love greatest thing in life and I agree. I had been married four times but never for more than five years. I don't think women really understand me! I had never been on television, but I had been on the radio once. It was programme about life in military about twenty years ago. I met the Prime Minister on the same day. Actually, I had met a lot of famous people: members of the royal family, famous politicians and also famous cinema and television personalities. However, I had never met any President though, which is a pity. Because I had traveled a lot, I had seen a lot of wonderful things and had also eaten and drank some stranger foods and drinks. I ate cat and rat in India and drank something called Mirto on a little island in Italy many years ago.

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**CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF TEMPERATURES CONTINUE TO RISE AROUND  
THE GLOBE?**

According to scientists, global temperatures have increased by over 1 degree in the past fifty years. If this continues our earth will face disaster. For example, if temperatures at the North and South Poles increase, ice there will melt faster. This means a greater volume of water will pour into the oceans. If the sea level rises,

Coastal cities will flood.

Big cities on the coast like New York and Miami and Venice will be unlivable like New Orleans shortly after Hurricane “Katrina” in 2005, but, in contrast, damage by ocean flooding will be irreversible. Another danger is from snowfall on the mountain tops. If the snow melts faster, the volume of water will increase. This means rivers will swell and cause flooding and erosion. Or if high temperatures do not allow snow to form on the mountains we will lose a valuable source of fresh water. If we don’t do something soon the situation will be very critical. Scientists hope people will soon understand the danger and act quickly. If they don’t, the imminent disaster will occur. Scientists hope that the active involvement of well-informed people will be crucial in preventing calamities and natural disasters caused by man-induced weather changes.

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