1 WORD POWER

A Control over: nuclear war, overpopulation, global warming, pollution, thinning of the ozone layer, shortage of fresh water, infectious diseases, loss of biodiversity. (Sample answers) Well, most other mass extinctions have resulted from asteroid impacts, therefore, I think it would probably be the most likely. – I have to admit, you are probably right there. / I would guess that overpopulation will be the reason. We are able to sustain life at the moment with over 6 billion people, however, the number of humans is expected to grow to 9 billion by 2050. – That’s a good point.

B (Sample answers) 1 I completely agree with the pessimists who say politicians are not doing enough about / to stop pollution. 2 I have to admit the pessimists are probably right there when they say that politicians aren’t doing enough to stop nuclear war.

2 READING

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3 SPEAK YOUR MIND

A (Sample answer) Greenhouse gases insulate the Earth’s atmosphere. This traps the heat given off by the sun. Temperatures rise around the world / globally.

4 IDIOMS

1 the tip of the iceberg = only a small part of the whole (often used for a problem) 2 to turn over a new leaf = to change one’s ways / what you do 3 a recipe for disaster = very likely to lead to a very negative result 4 to go against the grain = to go against your or other people’s wishes 5 a small world = for unexpected connections between people or things that seemed unknown to each other / unconnected 6 a ray of hope = some hope