UNIT 9: NATURAL DISASTERS

Vocabulary

Types of natural disasters  
Words to describe a natural disaster

Pronunciation

Stress in words ending in -logy and -graphy

Grammar

Passive voice: review  
Past perfect

Communication

Talking about a natural disaster

Asking and answering questions about what to do when a natural  
disaster happens

**I. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) whose stress is different from the others.**

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| 1. | A. tornado | B. mudslide | C. tsunami | D. collapse |
| 2. | A. eruption | B. evacuate | C. ecology | D. reservation |
| 3. | A. tropical | B. terrible | C. volcanic | D. powerful |
| 4. | A. emergency | B. destructive | C. temporary | D. technology |
| 5. | A. medication | ft, apology | C. biography | D. astrology |
| II. Choose the word (A, b/c or D) whose underlined part is pronounced differently. | | | | |
| 1. | A. powerful | B. underground | C. countable | D. employment |
| 2. | A. tropical | B. property | C. performance D. volcanic | |
| 3. | A. happened | B. attacked | C. rescued | D. damaged |
| 4. | A. spreadeagle | B. instrument | C. destructive | D. strategy |
| 5. | A. earthquake | B. theatre | C. breathing | D. healthy |

**III. Choose the correct form of the words (A, B, C or D) to complete the sentences**.

**1. The volcano caused damage to the local people.**

A. extensive B. extending C. extension D. extends

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| **2.** | **People cut down plenty of trees leading to soil\_\_\_\_\_.** | | | | |  |
|  | A. erode | B. erosion | | | C. eroded | D. eroding |
| **3.** | **There will be a\_\_\_** | **if the hurricane comes.** | | | |  |
|  | A. storm | B. stormed | | C. storming | | D. stormy |
| **4.** | **Climate change could have\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | **effects on Earth.** | |  |
|  | A. disaster | | B. disasters | C. disastrous | | D. disastrously |
| **5.** | **30,000 people fled to the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | **of the capital.** | |  |

A. safe B. safely C. safeguard D. safety

IV. Choose the best word or phrase (A, B, C or D) to complete each sentence.

**1. The most earthquake in Japan occurred in 1923.**

A. danger

B.disastrous

C. damage

D.destroyed

**2. The sea quake and strong wind have created a large and\_\_\_\_\_ocean wave.**

A. destruct

B.destruction

C. destructive

D.destructing

**3. There have been so many of \_\_\_\_\_doomsday.**

A. predict

B.prediction

C. predictions

D. predictable

**4. Torrential rains caused a massive\_\_\_\_\_.**

A. mudslide

B. quake

C. eruption

D. drought

**5. The weather forecast is for\_\_\_\_\_\_storms tonight.**

A. quick

B. severe

C. awesome

D. shocking

**6. Thanks to the weather forecast, the villagers\_\_\_\_\_before the flood\_\_\_\_\_.**

A. left/come

B.left/came  
C. had left/ had come

D. had left/ came

**7. The road\_\_\_\_\_even though it \_\_\_\_\_terribly destroyed in the earthquake.**

A. was fixed/ had been

B.wasfixed/had  
C. fixed/ had

D. fixed/ had been

**8. People’s activities are a major cause of pollution resulting\_\_\_\_\_climate change and some disasters such as deforestation, tsunami, etc.**

A. in

B. on

C. at

D. to

**9. There a severe drought, after that it to a disastrous harvest.**

A. has been/ led

B.hadbeen/lead  
C. has been/ led

D. had been/ had led

**10. Snowstorm is a storm by a heavy fall of snow.**

A. gone

B.accompanied

C.come

D.arrived

**11. The forest fire for three days before it\_\_\_\_\_out.**

A. had raged/put

B. had raged/was put

C. had been raged/put

D. had been raged/was put

**12. When the team of rescuers arrived, the victims of the flood were provided\_\_\_\_\_ food and medicine.**

A. within

B.without

C.with

D.of

**13. People, animals and plants of this area have been desperate\_\_\_\_\_water fora long time due\_\_\_\_\_the long drought.**

A. for/with

B.to/for

C.with/to

D.for/to

**14. Don't overheat the victim\_\_\_\_blankets or coats.**

A. at

B.to

C.on

D.with

**15. Violent natural disasters have humanity over the centuries.**

A. devastated

B. distributed

C. contributed

D. estimated

V. Choose the best response (A, B, C or D) to complete each conversation.

**1. - There will be a storm in our city.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A. It must be an exciting and fascinating experience.

B. So let's go to the beach to enjoy it.

C. Safety measures should be done as soon as possible.

D. I really love it.

**2. - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Fortunately there was no one dead.**

A. A serious earthquake happened near our school this morning.

B. Deforestation may lead to soil erosion.

C. I would like to be a volunteer to help people suffering from natural disasters.

D. The tsunami has killed hundreds of people.

**3. - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**What should we do to help them?**

A. Climate change has disastrous effects on Earth.

B. Residents in central Viet Nam are suffering from the recent disastrous flood.

C. Earthquakes rarely happen in Viet Nam.

D. Victims of the flood were provided with food and medicine.

VI. Read the passage and choose the correct answers (A, B, C or D) to fill in the blanks.

A tropical storm is likely 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_South Beach's shore this evening. Thestorm has begun forming a few days earlier in the East Sea. At 4 AM this morning, it  
started heading east towards South Beach. According to the National WeatherForecasting, the storm has been gaining strength in the last few hours 2.\_\_\_\_\_\_wind speed is forecasted to reach 100 kilometers per hour. 3.\_\_\_\_\_\_its currenttraveling speed, the storm will likely reach our location at 5:30 PM. Fishing boats inthe area 4.\_\_\_\_\_\_ to return to shore. Local authorities 5.\_\_\_\_\_\_ people of theincoming tropical storm and advised them to seek shelter as heavy rain is expected.

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| 1 | A. hit | B. hitting | C. to hit | D. to |
| 2 | A. but | B. and | C. so | D. if |
| 3 | A. With | B. Without | C. As | D. For |
| 4 | A. have been told | B. will be | C. are being told | D. had |
| 5 | A. have promoted | B. have | D. have caused | D. have |

VII. Read the passage and choose the correct answers.

Earthquake is a violent shaking of the ground; it is caused by the collision of the  
Earth’s outer layers. Earthquake is one of the most dangerous natural disasters to  
mankind. The casualties and damages caused by earthquake can be huge even when  
the earthquake lasts only a few seconds. In 2004, a 9.2 magnitude earthquake occurred  
in the Indian Ocean creating a series of tsunamis. It's the third largest earthquake everrecorded and lasted more than 10 minutes. Waves caused by the earthquake reached  
the height of 30 meters. This event is one of the deadliest natural disasters in history.  
By the time it was over, more than 250,000 people had been killed and many coastal  
regions in Indonesia and nearby countries had been completely destroyed. Impact of  
this natural disaster is still felt till this day.

**1.Which of the following would be the best title of the passage?**

A. Most Dangerous Natural Disasters.

B.AdangerousNaturalDisaster.  
C. An Oceanic Disaster.

D. Impacts of Natural Disasters.

**2. What does the writer describe earthquake as?**

A. The ground shakes extremely.

B. Earthquake is on the list of top dangerous natural disasters.

C. Slight earthquake can lead to heavy losses.

D. All are correct.

**3. Which natural disaster is caused by the earthquake in the Indian Ocean in 2004?**

A. A wave of 30-meter height.

B. A tsunami killing 200,000 people.

C. A number of long high sea waves coming to the land.

D. A 9.2-magnitude tsunami.

**4. Which of the following is FALSE about the earthquake in the Indian Ocean in 2004?**

A. All Asian countries were damaged by the earthquake.

B. There were 250,000 victims of this disaster.

C. The earthquake happened in over 10 minutes.

D. The earthquake reached 9.2 magnitudes.

**5. Which of the following is NOT stated in the passage?**

A. The outer layers of the Earth collide to create earthquake.

B. An earthquake may occur in just a couple of seconds.

C. 50,000 victims of the earthquake in the Indian Ocean were rescued.

D. The influence of the earthquake in the Indian Ocean in 2004 has lasted until now.

VIII. Choose the underlined word or phrase (marked A, B, C or D) in each sentence that needs correcting.

**1.The storm reached the town soabrupt that we couldn't do anything toprevent it.**

AB C D

**2. The Mediterranean island of Stroggli is believed to have wiped out by**

A B

**volcanic eruption and ensuing tsunami.**

C D

**3. Historical records suggest that approximate 230,000 people died in theAleppo**

A B C

**earthquake in 1138.**

D

**4. In Jan. 23,1556, the deadliest earthquake ever recorded occurred in the Shanxi**

A B

**province and the neighboring Shanxi province, locate in northern China.**

C D

**5. The death toll of the tsunami is believed to reduced the population of the two**

A B C

**by about 60 percent.**

D

**6. The Yellow River Flood is the worse flood in human history and the seconddeadliest**

A B C

**disaster ever.**

D

**7. A natural hazard is a threat of a naturally occurring event, it will have anegative**

A B C

**affects on humans.**

D