

I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Earthquakes are amongst the most destructive (1) disasters. They usually (2) without any warning and (3) in a great (4) of life and an enormous demolition of buildings. Additionally, they may cause devastating landslides or create gigantic tidal waves which, in (5), are colossal walls of water smashing into seashores with such force that they are (6) of destroying coastal cities. However, the (7) majority of fatalities and serious injuries (8) about when buildings (9) .

Most frequently, the earthquake lasts 30 to 60 seconds, so usually there is no time to (10) the mortal (11) once the shaking starts. The savage forces of an earthquake trigger (12) a complex chain (13) in the building's structure when it is shaken, lifted, pushed or pulled. A building's height, its shape and construction materials are the most significant (14) deciding about the survival or collapse of the structure and, consequently, about the life or death of its (15).

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| 1. a) nature | b) naturalistic | c) natural | d) native |
| 2. a) hit | b) strike | c) fall | d) attack |
| 3. a) result | b) effect | c) lead | d) cause |
| 4. a) fatality | b) waste | c) harm | d) loss |
| 5. a) fact | b) certainty | c) honesty | d) truth |
| 6. a) potential | b) conceivable | c) capable | d) possible |
| 7. a) wide | b) broad | c) full | d) vast |
| 8. a) bring | b) come | c) lay | d) make |
| 9. a) demolish | b) jumble | c) destroy | d) collapse |
| 10. a) avert | b) evade | c) abstain | d) restrain |
| 11. a) upkeep | b) upturn | c) upshot | d) uptake |
| 12. a) up | b) on | c) out | d) off |
| 13. a) activity | b) motion | c) progress | d) reaction |
| 14. a) factors | b) phenomena | c) points | d) ingredients |
| 15. a) settlers | b) citizens | c) inhabitants | d) burghers |

V. Choose the correct answer.

1. If you go on me like this, I will never be able to finish writing my report.
a) disturbing b) afflicting c) concerning d) affecting
2. Turn off this machine, please. The harsh sound really me crazy.
a) takes b) worries c) drives d) bothers
3. Everyone knew that this task would require a considerable effort.
a) working b) engaging c) making d) completing
4. Mr Tanner did his best to fix the faulty oven, but his at repairing electrical devices wasn't good enough to succeed.
a) service b) skill c) technique d) craft
5. Judy didn't for a second to agree to Mike's proposal as she had been in love with the boy for a long time.
a) decide b) linger c) hesitate d) await
6. Don't get so nervous about his coming late. When you get to know him better, you'll learn to take it
a) easy b) loose c) nice d) fine
7. The inconsiderate driver was for parking his vehicle in the wrong place.
a) inflicted b) condemned c) harrassed d) fined

8. The idea to a visit to the local council residence was welcomed by all the visitors.
a) do b) pay c) go d) walk
9. His of the safety regulations really can't be ignored any longer.
a) disregard b) unfamiliarity c) carelessness d) inattention
10. Let's the place, it looks so gloomy and unpleasant.
a) miss b) abandon c) depart d) disappear
11. What you are saying is quite, so give us, please, more details on the situation.
a) famous b) accustomed c) obvious d) familiar
12. For a short while, I managed to catch of the President entering the palace.
a) vision b) notice c) view d) sight
13. The suggestion to leave the camp at once was strongly by the climbers who were afraid of the approaching snowstorm.
a) opposed b) complained c) quarreled d) resigned
14. The first thing for all of you to remember is that your duties may result in an instant dismissal. *
a) escaping b) neglecting c) resisting d) missing
15. It was the commission's job to decide whether the pilot was for the crash that occurred right after the take-off.
a) responsible b) prone c) guilty d) comprehensive
16. None of us has ever of taking any rash steps against illegal broadcasting.
a) declared b) persisted c) approved d) concluded
17. Several soldiers of the squad were taken by the enemy forces.
a) capture b) hostage c) kidnap d) torture
18. The student was of understanding the theory even after the professor's profound explanation.
a) incompetent b) incapable c) helpless d) unsuccessful
19. I'm going for a walk in the park. Would you like to me company?
a) follow b) stay c) ward d) keep
20. Patrick is too a gambler to resist placing a bet on the final game.
a) instant b) spontaneous c) compulsive d) continuous

I. Replace each italicized words with a synonymous one.

It is believed that our *inherited* (1) genetic characteristics play the *decisive* (2) role in our being beautiful, attractive and appealing to other individuals. Although there is no *clear* (3) theory on what beauty really is and how it works, the results of a recent scientific *research* (4) seem to *confirm* (5) the hypothesis that our facial features are *determined* (6) by our brains. Their possible role is to *reflect* (7) health and fertility as well as genetic superiority - the quality that people, *supposedly* (8), share with animals which, like humans, have their own sexual preferences. Most species of birds, for example, rely on the brightest colours of plumage when *selecting* (9) their *partners* (10). To them, the vivid *shades* (11) of the feathers indicate the potential partner's genetic fitness to produce healthy *children* (12).

In humans, similarly, beauty *shows* (13) our well-being and our sexual attractiveness, but as far as our facial characteristics are taken into account, people *tend* (14) to regard as extremely *charming* (15) the faces with the highest degree of symmetry. And equally effectively, the facial properties may also indicate the appeal of the whole body.

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| 1. a) indebted | b) derivative | c) innate | d) acquisitive |
| 2. a) vital | b) functional | c) tangible | d) customary |
| 3. a) eminent | b) obscure | c) indicative | d) explicit |
| 4. a) chore | b) endeavour | c) inquiry | d) labour |
| 5. a) bear out | b) stand down | c) prop up | d) make about |
| 6. a) reliant | b) conditioned | c) implied | d) designated |
| 7. a) manifest | b) pertain | c) survey | d) uncover |
| 8. a) plainly | b) normally | c) allegedly | d) mainly |
| 9. a) favouring | b) postulating | c) referring | d) asserting |
| 10. a) counterparts | b) mates | c) fellows | d) accomplices |
| 11. a) dyes | b) marvels | c) twilights | d) hues |
| 12. a) stamina | b) progeny | c) entity | d) forebears |
| 13. a) affirms | b) foresees | c) displays | d) envisages |
| 14. a) incline | b) aspire | c) anticipate | d) declare |
| 15. a) flourishing | b) startling | c) captivating | d) engrossing |