Cloze Passage

Read the passage carefully. Then fill in each blank with one suitable word from the list below to complete the passage.

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Earthquakes are among the worst natural disasters. Earthquakes often occurs 1._____ volcanic regions. An earthquake is a sudden shaking or vibration of 2._____ Earth's crust. Earthquakes by themselves rarely kill people 3._____ wildlife. It is 4._____ the secondary events that they trigger such as building collapsing, fire, tsunamis and volcanoes that kill many people.

Thousand 5._____ people have died in severe earthquakes when entire cities, town and farmland were destroyed. Many of these disasters could 6._____ avoided by having stricter building regulations, early warning systems and evacuation planning. If we could accurately predict earthquakes, it would be possible 7._____ move people and valuables to safer places before the damage takes place.

Earthquakes create small tremors 8._____ can act as an advance warning. Changes also occur in the electric 9._____ magnetic properties of rocks and often a gas called radon is released. Radon dissolves in water, so if the radon content in the water increases, 10._____ earthquake may well be on its way.

Scientists are always searching 11._____ different ways to forecast earthquake. In 1975, 12._____ were dramatically successful. They cleared the city of Luzon two hours 13._____ the powerful earthquake that occurred. But we still do 14._____ have a perfect method of prediction.

China has suffered 15._____ terrible earthquakes. The 2006 Sichuan earthquake 16._____ a deadly earthquake that occurred on May 12, 2008 in Sichuan province, China. It killed 17._____ least 68,000 people. The earthquake left 18._____ 48 million people homeless.

Tremors were felt in Hong Kong approximately three minutes 19._____ the quake in Sichuan, continuing for about half a minute. This was 20._____ the most distant earthquake known ever to be felt in Hong Kong.

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