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Part 1 Listen and fill in the blank with a suitable word.

Australia, which is accustomed to water shortages and periods of (1) _____, has been devastated by massive flooding since (2) _____. Queensland's Premier called the recent flooding the worst natural disaster in Australia's history. The hot ocean water off the (3) _____ of Australia is being blamed for the floods. A tsunami-like flash flood in the city of Toowoomba caused people to evacuate to their rooftops on (4) _____ 10th. The cost and magnitude of the reconstruction is (5) _____, though experts say it could take years to clean up. A similar flood in 1974 had higher waters, though the infrastructure was less developed then. Environmentalists (6) _____ that the Great Barrier Reef could be in danger from the run-off. About 200,000 people have been affected by the floods.

Part 2 Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the rest.

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| 1. A. <u>a</u> dventure | B. <u>a</u> ffect | C. <u>a</u> bsolute | D. <u>a</u> dvice |
| 2. A. <u>p</u> ollution | B. <u>v</u> olcano | C. <u>c</u> ommunication | D. <u>t</u> errorist |
| 3. A. <u>d</u> iscount | B. <u>d</u> rought | C. <u>y</u> oung | D. <u>g</u> roundwater |
| 4. A. <u>ch</u> icken | B. <u>ch</u> ocolate | C. <u>ch</u> annel | D. <u>ch</u> olera |
| 5. A. <u>b</u> each | B. <u>m</u> ea <u>s</u> ure | C. <u>t</u> ea | D. <u>s</u> tea <u>m</u> |

Part 3 Circle the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

- The storm caused serious _____ to many houses .
A. damage B. destroy C. danger D. injuries
- If you _____ hard, you will get the promotion.
A. work B. will work C. would work D. worked
- You will recognize Linda when you see her. She _____ a red skirt.
A. wears B. will be wearing
C. will wear D. is wearing

4. By the time we _____ to the cinema, the film had started
- A. has got B. had got C. gets D. got
5. I think I _____ soccer with my friends at this time next weekend
- A. am going to play B. will be playing
- C. are playing D. was playing
6. All the fish died because of the _____ water.
- A. pollution B. polluting C. polluted D. pollute
7. The Maori people in New Zealand greet each other by _____ their noses.
- A. punching B. touching C. hugging D. blowing
8. Many people believe that robots have made workers jobless _____ this is not true.
- A. but B. so C. and D. or
9. All the people who were homeless were provided with _____ accommodation.
- A. instant B. present C. temporary D. short
10. Tom said that he _____ to the park.
- A. will go B. have gone C. would go D. has gone

Part 4 Read the passage and circle the best answer.

Earthquakes are natural disasters that humans cannot control. Sometimes earthquakes can be very dangerous and people need to know more about where earthquakes come from, and how to protect themselves from them and any other natural disasters.

Earthquakes are the shaking, rolling or sudden shock of the earth's surface. They are the Earth's natural means of releasing pressure. Earthquakes can be felt over large areas although they usually last less than a minute. However, earthquakes cannot be predicted although scientists are still working on the problem.

There are about 20 plates along the surface of the earth that continuously move past each other. When the plates squeeze or stretch, huge rocks form at their edges and the rocks shift with great force, causing an earthquake. As the plates move, they put forces on themselves and each other. When the force is large enough, the crust is forced to break.

Shaking and ground breaking are the main effects created by earthquakes, principally resulting in more or less severe damage to buildings and other structures. The severity of the effect **depends on** the complex combination of the earthquake magnitude. Ground break is a major risk for large engineering structures such as dams, bridges and nuclear power stations.

1. Earthquakes are considered a natural disaster because
 - A. they are man-made
 - B. man has no control over them
 - C. man can control them
 - D. they are always expected
2. Earthquakes have adverse effects on people and their properties because
 - A. earthquakes happen in cities
 - B. man can control them
 - C. they are unpredictable
 - D. they result in little destruction
3. According to the passage, how long does an earthquake usually last?
 - A. a few minutes
 - B. less than a minute
 - C. more than a minute
 - D. exactly a minute
4. The phrase "depends on" in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to
 - A. fights against
 - B. relies on
 - C. protects from
 - D. gets on
5. Which of the following is NOT TRUE about an earthquake?
 - A. an earthquake is a controllable disaster
 - B. an earthquake is always unpredictable
 - C. an earthquake causes severe damage
 - D. the earth is cracked when an earthquake occurs

Part 5

Rewrite the following sentences so that their meaning stays the same, using the words given.

1. He has finished the project since September.

→ The project

2. Study hard or you will fail the exam.

→ If you

3. "I am going to the party." said Mr David.

→ Mr David

4. Although the weather was bad, the football match went on.

→ Despite

5. After she had been married, she worked in this company.

→ Before