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Hurricane Dorian was the strongest hurricane on record to (1) _____ the Bahamas, and is regarded as the worst natural disaster in the country's history. On 1 September 2019, Dorian hit the Abaco Islands with sustained winds (2) _____ 185 mph (295 km/h). It made landfall as a (3) _____ 5 hurricane on Elbow Cay, just east of Great Abaco Island, and went on to strike Grand Bahama at similar intensity, stalling just north of the territory with unrelenting winds for at least 24 hours.

Damage in the Bahamas was (4) _____ due to the prolonged and intense storm conditions, including heavy rainfall, high winds and storm surge with thousands of homes destroyed, 70,000 people (5) _____ homeless, and at least 58 deaths recorded. As of September 28, 600 people still remain missing. Dorian is (6) _____ the costliest disaster in Bahamian history, estimated to have left behind an exceptional \$7 billion in property damage.

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(7) _____ its ravages through the Bahamas, Dorian proceeded along the coasts of the Southeastern United States and Atlantic Canada, leaving behind considerable damage and economic (8) _____ in those regions.

1. A. strike B. catch C. occur D. enter
2. A. at B. to C. from D. of
3. A. magnitude B. category
C. measure D. extension
4. A. significant B. catastrophic
C. destructive D. magnificent
5. A. left B. made C. found D. stayed
6. A. by turns B. by the way
C. by chance D. by far
7. A. When B. While C. After D. Since
8. A. shortages B. losses C. changes D. crisis