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**UNIT 9: DISASTERS**  
**GRAMMAR WORKSHEET**

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**II. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.**

1. The forest fire \_\_\_\_\_ for twelve hours and thousands of wild animals died.  
A. raged                      B. struck                      C. took                      D. put out
2. How can we know when an active volcano will \_\_\_\_\_ again?  
A. erupt                      B. destroy                      C. damage                      D. affect
3. Measured 9.5 on the Richter scale, the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_ occurred on May 22, 1960 in southern Chile.  
A. mudslide                      B. avalanche                      C. flood                      D. earthquake
4. Despite modern technologies available to us, we're still \_\_\_\_\_ against natural disasters.  
A. homeless                      B. harmless                      C. helpless                      D. hopeless
5. The reporter said that ten people died and thirty were \_\_\_\_\_ injured in the flood.  
A. completely                      B. greatly                      C. powerfully                      D. seriously
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ that is just a few centimetres high from the sea can rear up to heights of 30 to 50 meters as it hits the shore.  
A. typhoon                      B. tsunami                      C. tornado                      D. thunderstorm
7. Survivors of the flood were \_\_\_\_\_ by helicopter.  
A. collapsed                      B. buried                      C. shaken                      D. rescued
8. Many people are working to save species from extinction, animals from cruelty, natural \_\_\_\_\_ from destruction.  
A. disasters                      B. phenomena                      C. environment                      D. hazards
9. Most people had moved to the safe areas before the typhoon struck, so there were only a few minor \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. loss                      B. injuries                      C. impacts                      D. destruction
10. Aid agencies provided drinking water and food \_\_\_\_\_ to the isolated residents.  
A. guidelines                      B. aid                      C. supplies                      D. emergency
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ on an airplane when he \_\_\_\_\_ a fire from the window.  
A. was sitting - saw                      B. was sitting - was seeing  
C. was sitting - was seeing                      D. sat - saw
12. While the other passengers \_\_\_\_\_ to the exits, Brian \_\_\_\_\_ out of the window.  
A. ran - climbed                      B. run - was climbing  
C. ran - was climbed                      D. were running - climbed
13. When it \_\_\_\_\_ raining, we \_\_\_\_\_ a nice hotel down the road to the town.  
A. started - were finding                      B. was starting - found  
C. started - found                      D. was starting - were finding
14. They \_\_\_\_\_ close to the bottom of the mountain when Simpson suddenly \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. got - was slipping                      B. were getting - slipped  
C. were getting - was slipping                      D. got - slipped
15. While Steven and Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ around the Canary Islands, their boat \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. were sailing - sank                      B. sailed - was sinking  
C. sailed - sank                      D. were sailing - was sinking
16. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ when Hamilton \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach in Da Nang on a beautiful morning.  
A. shone - arrived                      B. was shining - was arriving

C. was shining - arrived

D. shone - was arriving

17. While some rescue teams \_\_\_\_\_ in Pakistan, others \_\_\_\_\_ to a natural disaster in Central America.

A. were helping - responded

B. helped – responded

C. helped - were responding

D. were helping - were responding

18. When we \_\_\_\_\_ out in the morning, we \_\_\_\_\_ surprised by what we \_\_\_\_\_.

A. finally came - are - see

B. were finally coming - were – saw

C. finally came - were - saw

D. finally come - were - were seeing

19. It \_\_\_\_\_ and windy when the ship, carrying about 200 passengers, \_\_\_\_\_ a rock.

A. was snowing - was hitting

B. was snowing – hit

C. snowed - was hitting

D. snowed – hit

20. The sirens of the emergency services \_\_\_\_\_ while people \_\_\_\_\_ up the mess in their gardens.

A. were wailing - were clearing

B. wailed – cleared

C. were wailing - cleared

D. wailed - were clearing

### III. Choose the underlined part that needs correcting.

1. As the flight was taking off, passengers were seeing a fire from the window.

A. As

B. was taking off

C. were seeing

D. from

2. The plane's captain realized that one of the two engines weren't working.

A. The plane's

B. realized

C. the two

D. weren't

3. While passengers were running towards the front exits. Maria chose the exit next the wing.

A. While

B. were running

C. chose

D. next

4. Because the weather was getting worse, so the two climbers didn't stay long in the mountain.

A. was getting

B. so

C. didn't stay

D. in

5. John fell and break his knee while he was climbing down the mountain with his friend.

A. fell and break

B. while

C. was climbing

D. with

6. Eric shouted up to John, but the wind was blown loudly and John couldn't hear him.

A. shouted

B. but

C. was blown

D. couldn't hear

7. The rope were too heavy and it was pulling him down the mountain towards the cliff.

A. were

B. heavy

C. was pulling

D. towards

8. When Eric realized John wasn't coming, he decided to take a risk and searching for him.

A. When

B. wasn't coming

C. decided

D. searching

9. William was climbing a mountain alone while the storm began to strike.

A. was climbing

B. a

C. while

D. began to trike

10. Those who were not caught by the wave was running uphill to save themselves.

A. Those

B. were not caught

C. was

D. themselves

### IV. Reorder the words to make correct sentences.

1. about / She / wastes. / practical / treating / gave us / poisonous / tips

2. moved / to / place / his house. / after / he / a safer / ran / quickly / out of / Tom

3. our living room / to shake. / everything / suddenly/as/ in / began / and / hid / I / under / quickly / the table. / My sister

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4. last month. / We / money / donated / the earthquake / to help / victims

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5. for / we / a natural disaster, / should / an emergency / make / kit. / To prepare

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6. typhoons and hurricanes / tropical cyclones / Both /are / in / but differ / their locations

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7. raise / It's / to / before / awareness about natural disasters / they / important / happen

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8. are / there / On average, / the world / about 6,800 natural disasters / every year / in

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9. The devastating tsunami / destruction / to / near the sea / brought / cities and towns

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10. Were / started / your apartment / you / watching TV / the building / in / when / trembling?

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**V. Complete the text with one word in each gap.**

We know that plastic is to blame for much of the world's pollution, but 1..... was the news that a plastic island the size of Texas is forming in the Pacific Ocean that shocked many of us. 2..... answer that many countries have come up with is charging customers for plastic bags in shops. And 3..... some countries have done is to completely ban bags that aren't biodegradable. Since these laws were introduced, the use of plastic bags globally has dropped dramatically. 4..... thing you can do to help is to buy a 'bag for life' from a supermarket. When it wears out, 5..... you need to do is take it back to get a free replacement. In some countries, the 6..... place where you still won't be charged for a plastic bag is at an airport or on planes.

**VI. Complete the sentences without changing its meaning.**

1 I'm just asking for a little more consideration.

All I'm asking .....

2 I cut my foot on a piece of glass.

It was a piece of glass .....

3 Everyone should recycle their waste. → What everyone should do .....

4 You only need to take your rubbish home with you. → All you need .....

THE END