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NATURAL DISASTERS

Exercise 1: Listen and complete the text. (Track 18)

Mr Huynh Van Loi from Can Tho, Viet Nam, a farmer who spent most his fife in the same small Mekong Delta district, has (1) ..... good weather and bad, droughts and floods But this rear brought something he'd never seen.

"The water is salty," he said. "I've been living here since my (2) ..... but this is the first time we've had salty water. All my crops were destroyed."

The region's worst (3) ..... in 90 years, combined with rising sea levels and rampant development are causing a crisis in the Mekong Delta, known as Vietnam's rice bowl. The delta is home to 20 million people and accounts for more than half of Vietnam's rice and fruit (4) ..... 90% of its rice exports and 60% of fishery exports.

A United Nations report released in March about the drought estimated that about 393,000 acres of rice in Vietnam was already lost, with an additional 1.2 million acres likely to be damaged. Almost 1 million people lack water for daily (5) .....

The figures are alarming but could grow worse if weather extremes become more common in years to come.

Exercise 2: Listen and decide the sentences. (Track 19)

a. A flood is land ..... by water that is not usually covered by water.

b. A flood which causes severely ..... damage or loss of life to ..... or livestock is considered a significant flood.

c. Floods are among the most ..... of natural disasters.

d. Floods affect not only human life but also destroy .....

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