

## UNIT 9: NATURAL DISASTERS

### A. PHONETICS

#### I. Mark the stress on the correct syllable for the following words

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|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. biography    | 6. physiology  | 11. photography  | 16. meteorology |
| 2. biology      | 7. ethnography | 12. sociology    | 17. astrology   |
| 3. radiography  | 8. ethnology   | 13. apology      | 18. zoology     |
| 4. radiology    | 9. geography   | 14. bibliography | 19. demography  |
| 5. physiography | 10. geology    | 15. climatology  | 20. psychology  |

#### II. Circle the word with a different stress pattern from the others.

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| 1. <b>A.</b> technology    | <b>B.</b> disaster   | <b>C.</b> available    | <b>D.</b> temporary        |
| 2. <b>A.</b> accommodation | <b>B.</b> evacuation | <b>C.</b> oceanography | <b>D.</b> environmentalist |
| 3. <b>A.</b> tsunami       | <b>B.</b> evacuee    | <b>C.</b> ecology      | <b>D.</b> volcanic         |
| 4. <b>A.</b> volunteer     | <b>B.</b> scientific | <b>C.</b> sociology    | <b>D.</b> property         |
| 5. <b>A.</b> electronic    | <b>B.</b> biology    | <b>C.</b> photography  | <b>D.</b> astrology        |

### B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

#### I. Write the names of the disasters on the line, then match them to the pictures.

tsunami	earthquake	drought	avalanche	flood
tornado	mudslide	volcanic eruption	typhoon	wildfire

1. A sudden, violent shaking of the earth's surface. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hot lava, ash and gases come up suddenly from below the earth's surface through an opening of a mountain. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A mass of snow, ice, and rock that falls down the side of a mountain. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A large amount of wet earth that suddenly falls down a hill. \_\_\_\_\_
5. A series of large ocean waves, usually caused by an underwater earthquake or a volcanic explosion. \_\_\_\_\_
6. A violent tropical storm with very strong winds. \_\_\_\_\_
7. A long period of time when there is little or no rain. \_\_\_\_\_
8. A very strong wind that goes quickly round in a circle or funnel. \_\_\_\_\_
9. A fire that starts in an area of countryside and spreads very quickly. \_\_\_\_\_
10. A large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry. \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Choose the correct answers.

1. The waves of the \_\_\_\_\_ were so huge that it destroyed everything on the beach.  
A. tornado      B. hurricane      C. tsunami      D. earthquake
2. Five skiers are missing after the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Alps.  
A. drought      B. landslide      C. flood      D. avalanche
3. After the \_\_\_\_\_ all the houses were left under water.  
A. flood      B. tornado      C. typhoon      D. mudslide
4. It took firefighters five days to put out the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. hurricane      B. forest fire      C. tsunami      D. drought
5. A period of 3- 4 months without rain will cause a severe \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. typhoon      B. earthquake      C. drought      D. flood
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ picked up the car and threw it 100 meters into the air. That's an incredibly strong wind!  
A. tornado      B. volcanic eruption      C. landslide      D. typhoon
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ shook parts of the region around Tokyo on Saturday. It was 5 on the Richter Scale.  
A. hurricane      B. flood      C. earthquake      D. tornado
8. \_\_\_\_\_ occur when a large amount of water causes the rapid erosion of soil on a steep slope.  
A. Tsunamis      B. Tornadoes      C. Avalanches      D. Mudslides
9. A big storm in the Pacific is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. avalanche      B. typhoon      C. tsunami      D. tornado
10. Mount Merapi in Indonesia is a famous \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. landslide      B. typhoon      C. volcano      D. tornado

## III. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

debris	tornadoes	victims	mudslide	havoc
disasters	property	accommodation	supplies	flood

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ was overwhelming and the City was soon drowned.
2. Teams of people are still clearing the \_\_\_\_\_ from damaged trees and houses after the tornado.
3. Temporary housing can be provided to victims when natural strike.
4. The storm wreaked \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden, uprooting trees and blowing a fence down.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris.
6. Four people were reported killed when a \_\_\_\_\_ buried their house.

7. Many people lost their homes due to the earthquake and are staying in temporary \_\_\_\_\_ until their houses are rebuilt.
8. Food, clean water and medical \_\_\_\_\_ arrived three days after the typhoon.
9. A natural disaster can cause loss of life or damage \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The government is sending aid to flood \_\_\_\_\_.