TEST 1

I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Earthquakes are amongst the most destructive ..... (1) disasters. They usually ..... (2) without any warning and ..... (3) in a great ..... (4) of life and an enormous demolition of buildings. Additionally, they may cause devastating landslides or create gigantic tidal waves which, in ..... (5), are collosal walls of water smashing into seashores with such force that they are ..... (6) of destroying coastal cities. However, the ..... (7) majority of fatalities and serious injuries ..... (8) about when buildings ..... (9) .

Most frequently, the earthquake lasts 30 to 60 seconds, so usually there is no time to ..... (10) the mortal ..... (11) once the shaking starts. The savage forces of an earthquake trigger ..... (12) a complex chain ..... (13) in the building's structure when it is shaken, lifted, pushed or pulled. A building's height, its shape and construction materials are the most significant ..... (14) deciding about the survival or collapse of the structure and, consequently, about the life or death of its ..... (15).

1. a) nature	b) naturalistic	c) natural	d) native
2. a) hit	b) strike	c) fall	d) attack
3. a) result	b) effect	c) lead	d) cause
4. a) fatality	b) waste	c) harm	d) loss
5. a) fact	b) certainty	c) honesty	d) truth
6. a) potential	b) conceivable	c) capable	d) possible
7. a) wide	b) broad	c) full	d) vast
8. a) bring	b) come	c) lay	d) make
9. a) demolish	b) jumble	c) destroy	d) collapse
10. a) avert	b) evade	c) abstain	d) restrain
11. a) upkeep	b) upturn	c) upshot	d) uptake
12. a) up	b) on	c) out	d) off
13. a) activity	b) motion	c) progress	d) reaction
14. a) factors	b) phenomena	c) points	d) ingredients
15. a) settlers	b) citizens	c) inhabitants	d) burghers

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