

UNIT 9: NATURAL DISASTERS

TEST YOURSELF

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

2. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to complete each sentence.

1. When a volcano _____, hot gases and lava run down.
A. blows B. erupts C. throws D. escapes
2. Penicillin was _____ by Alexander Fleming.
A. discovered B. invented C. created D. explored
3. After an earthquake, many people _____ and _____ to hospital.
A. was injured/ taken B. injured/ took
C. were injured/ taken D. injured/ taken
4. _____ is a storm in a desert during which strong winds blow sand into the air.
A. sandstorm B. thunderstorm C. cyclone D. hurricane
5. After a mudslide, authorities have confirmed five dead and a hundred of people still _____.
A. miss B. missed C. misses D. missing
6. A forest fire _____ quickly and _____ many trees.
A. raged/ killed B. burst/ harmed C. spread/ destroyed D. occurred/ cooked
7. The tornado caused a massive _____ to the town.
A. destruction B. extension C. danger D. mishap
8. The flood victims are being sent _____ by the government.
A. food B. shelter C. aid D. water
9. After the earthquake struck the city, rescuers searched for _____.
A. survivors B. survivals C. surviving D. survived
10. _____ is better than treatment.
A. Prescription B. Medicine C. Practice D. Preparation

4. Give the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

1. The flood victims (feel) _____ a little better after they (eat) _____ some food and (drink) _____ some water.
2. (you/hear) _____ the earthquake which struck Japan last night?
3. I was late. The other journalists (already/arrive) _____ the city where the earthquake (strike) _____.
4. By the time the volcano (erupt) _____, people living around the foot of the volcano (evacuate) _____.
5. We were going on a picnic in forest when we (see) _____ a wildfire.
6. When I (see) _____ that someone was stuck into a collapse of a building after an earthquake, I (help) _____ them. He (be) _____ very appreciative.
7. Yesterday my parents (take) _____ me to the zoo. Afterward I (learn) _____ a lot about nature.
8. I (have) _____ a cup of tea before I (leave) _____ for my office.

5. Choose the correct answer A, B, or C to complete the passage below.

A (1)_____ is defined as being an uncontrolled fire that occurs in the wilderness. They can be massive in size and have the ability (2)___ across vast distances, jumping rivers, roads and fire breaks in the process. Usually, wildfires occur in hot and (3)_____ climates during the (4)_____ months of spring and summer. (5)_____ average, there are a reported 60,000 to 80,000 wildfires each year, and 3 million to 10 millions acres of green land are (6)___ in their wake. Wildfires can have different effects 1 on the environment depending on their size and frequency.

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| 1. A. wildfire | B. fire | C. heat wave |
| 2. A. spread | B. to spread | C. spreading |
| 3. A. wet | B. dry | C. sunny |
| 4. A. the hottest | B. hotter | C. hottest |
| 5. A. At | B. On | C. In |
| 6. A. destroyed | B. destroying | C. destructive |