

## B. READING

EX 2. Use the verbs in the box in the correct form to complete the sentences.

*bury*      *evacuate*      *rage*      *take*  
*recover*      *scatter*      *provide*      *suffer*

1. The government ..... health and other services to the affected regions.
2. Action were ..... to limit the effects of the floods in Quang Ninh.
3. The Red Cross helped homeless families to ..... from the disaster through the project.
4. The majority of concerned areas have ..... from cholera epidemics after the floods and landslides in Central America.
5. Early September, mudslides caused by heavy rains ..... an entire village of 480 inhabitants.
6. Thousands of villagers ..... from flood-prone areas after the warnings from the weather bureau.
7. Tiny particles of dust, smoke, salt or pollution droplets that ..... through the air to cause haze.
8. The fires ..... for more than a week in the southern region of Chile, which has been hit by a severe drought.

EX 3. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

El Nino is a weather phenomenon of the Pacific Ocean which is (1)..... by an abnormal (2)..... of water on the surface of the ocean. It has the (3)..... to influence global weather patterns as it brings drought to some continents and (4).....rain to others. It was first (5).....by fishermen coming from Spanish ports in the Pacific in the the 17th century. It got its name (Spanish for 'boy child') because it usually takes (6)..... near Christmas

time. It can cause catastrophic (7)..... The 1982 El Nino (8).....in 1,500 deaths, but it can be a lot worse than that. Sea animals, (9)..... fish and birds, also die in large numbers. It is (10)..... that sailors in the Pacific can smell the dead sea-life during El Nino.

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. A. happened    | B. caused     | C. origin    | D. done        |
| 2. A. increase    | B. extra      | C. heater    | D. warming     |
| 3. A. proficiency | B. power      | C. practice  | D. performance |
| 4. A. wet         | B. shower     | C. plenty    | D. heavy       |
| 5. A. saw         | B. noticed    | C. caught    | D. time        |
| 6. A. away        | B. care       | C. part      | D. place       |
| 7. A. damage      | B. difficulty | C. hurt      | D. problem     |
| 8. A. resulted    | B. led        | C. caused    | D. gave        |
| 9. A. containing  | B. holding    | C. including | D. involving   |
| 10. A. said       | B. felt       | C. told      | D. mistaken    |

EX 4. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- Thousands of homes were flooded after Cyclone Kormen (hit) ..... Bangladesh.
- By the time the storm hit the fishing village, all of the boats (return) .....the port.
- After several weeks without any drops of rain, the region (suffer).....from a severe shortage of water for people and animals.
- Last week the landslide (occur.....after it (rain) .....heavily for three days in several villages in the mountainous district of Xin Man,Ha Giang Province.
- Earlier on August 2, the officials (say)..... seven people were killed in the northern provinces of Dien Bien, Lai Chau, and Son La after rain (cause) ..... extensive floods across the region.

6. Mount Fuji in Japan last (erupt).....in 1708, and its eruption (cover)  
.....the surrounding villages with ash.