TEST NATURAL DISASTERS UNIT 9

I. Circle the word marked A, B, C, or D with a different stress pattern from the others.

1. A. collapse   B. damage   C. erupt   D. affect

2. A. disaster   B. eruption   C. pollution   D. permanent

3. A. volcano   B. temperature   C. illustrate   D. station

4. A. tsunami   B. typhoon   C. thunderstorm   D. tornado

5. A. accommodation   B. contribution   C. evacuation   D. contamination

II. Fill each blank with a word/ phrase in the box

flood	earthquake	sandstorm	shelter	forest fire

landslide   volcano   collapsed   typhoon   draught

1. When the earthquake happened, all the buildings in this area completely _____.

2. Fortunately many people were warned of the danger and they had taken _____ before the earthquake happened.

3. The _____ has raged since early morning, many trees and animals have been burnt up.

4. All people in the village rushed into the public shelters as soon as the _____ erupted.

5. Several people were going along when suddenly there was a _____ crashing down the hillside and blocking the road in front of them.

6. Tankers full of water were sent, but it was too late to save many of the animals and crops there. The _____ made the whole area like a vast desert.

7. When the _____ happened last year, the river overflowed in several places and huge areas of farming were several meters underwater. Boats were being used to rescue

people in nearby villages.

8. The _____ swept onwards, covering everything in its path. The travelers had to get off their camels and lie down until it had eventually passed.

9. Suddenly the ground shook beneath our feet and tall buildings opposite my college began to sway. I immediately realized that it was an _____.

10. The _____ already strengthened considerably and the sea was very rough. As a result, ferries across the harbor stopped sailing and all large ships were put out to the sea.

III. Reading. Read the text and then choose the best answer A, B, C, or D.

Two of the most dangerous storms which affect America are hurricanes and tornadoes. They are very much feared by anyone who may live in the path of their destruction.

Every year homes are destroyed by their fury and often lives are lost. Most people who live near the coast are forced to evacuate their homes and move to safer areas until the storm passes. Floods are caused along the coasts by both heavy rain and a storm tide that is considerably above normal water level. The high winds, coastal flooding, and torrential rains associated with a hurricane cause enormous damage.

Hurricanes usually develop between July and October. Once they hit land they carry tremendous power with driving rain and wind.

Tornadoes are violent low-pressured storms. These storms occur most often during the summer months and are noticeable by their strong wind and lack of rain. The sky turns black as dust is sucked up into the air. Tornadoes are capable of lifting quite heavy objects from the ground. They can pick up trees and cars right into the air and even uplift heavier objects such as homes and railway cars.

Both hurricanes and tornadoes cause millions of dollars worth of damage each year. Today they can be predicted more easily than in the past, but they cannot be stopped or ignored.

1. What are two of the most dangerous storms which affect America?

A. Thunderstorms and hurricanes   B. Typhoons and thunderstorms.

C. Hurricanes and tornadoes   D. Hurricanes and typhoons

2. At which part of the year do hurricanes usually develop?

A. July and August only.   C. From the seventh to the ninth month.

B. Between July and August.   D. They develop throughout the year.

3. What is the major similarity of both a hurricane and a tornado?

A. They cover a larger area.   C. They are not accompanied by rain.

B. They have either wind and speed.   D. They can cause great damage.

4. Which of the following is true of tornadoes and hurricanes?

A. They cannot be predicted with accuracy.

B. They are easier to control today than in the past.

C. Tornadoes are more dangerous than hurricanes.

D. They can be predicted today with greater accuracy.

5. Which of the following was not mentioned in the article?

A. The damage caused by hurricanes and tornadoes.

B. The tremendous power of these storms.

C. The number of people killed each year by these storms.

D. The time of year when they are most likely to strike.

IV. Read the conversation and answer the questions.

Hoa: Hi, Mary. Mary: Hi, Hoa.

Hoa: Did you hear the news on TV early this morning? Mary: No, I didn't. What happened?

Hoa: Last night, a landslide from a high mountain moved down a small village in Ha

Giang Province.

Mary: Where is Ha Giang?

Hoa: It's in the northern of Viet Nam. Mary: Was anyone injured?

Hoa: The authorities confirmed six dead, eighteen injured and as many as ninety-five people missing. Only a few minor injuries were reported.

Mary: Oh, no. That's terrible. Did it cause any damage to property? Hoa: Yes, all the houses in the village were destroyed.

Mary: That's awful. How is the government helping the people there?

Hoa: They've sent rescue workers and army men to find people who were buried in their houses. Medical supplies, food, and rescue equipment have also been sent.

Mary: Thank God. I hope they'll soon find the missing people.

Questions:

1. What happened to a village in Ha Giang Province last night?

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2. How many people were dead and injured?

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3. How many people were missing?

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4. What was the damage to property?

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5. What is the government doing to help people there?

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V. Choose A, B, C, or D to complete the sentences.

1. If this factory continues _____ poison into the lake, all the fish will die.

A. pouring   B. dumping   C. pumping   D. sacking

2. When thermal pollution happens, the water temperature in streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans _____.

A. changes   B. keeps   C. remains   D. stays

3. The sight of too many advertising billboards overhead poles and shop signs causes _____ pollution.

A. air   B. light   C. noise   D. visual

4. _____ you ever been to any English-speaking countries?

A. Do   B. Have   C. Were   D. Are

5. Australia is home to _____ animals like kangaroos and koalas

A. only   B. rare   C. unique   D. precious

VI. Change these sentences into passive voice.

1. The flood happened early this morning in Quang Binh Province and now the government is sending aid to the flood victims.

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2. The earthquake struck the city and destroyed completely thousands of buildings and houses.

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3. Our government has declared a state of emergency following the earthquake.

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4. When the typhoon happened, they had moved most of the people there to safe area.

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5. The storm destroyed his house completely and now he is living with friends

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VII. Writing. Makeup sentences using the words and phrases given.

Ex. North America/ deserts/ very/ diverse/ so/ they/ provide/ a / good/ basic/ understanding/ desert/ ecology.

-> North American deserts are very diverse, so they provide a good basis for understanding desert ecology.

1. within/ last/ 100 years/ deserts/ been/ growing/ at/ frightening/ speed/.

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2. people/ living/ near/ the/ edge/ Gobi Desert/ will/ leave/ homes/ if/ sandstorms/ are/ not/ stopped.

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3. local/ man/ said/ mudslide/ was/ caused/ by/ ground/ which/ has/ been/ made/ unstable/ by/ heavy rainfall/.

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4. where/ you/ when/ the/ earthquake/ began/ yesterday?

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5. that/ was/ terrible/ earthquake/ but/ luckily/ we/ survived/.

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