Global problems

1 Complete sentences 1 – 15 with the correct word or phrase from A, B or C. In each case two of the options are incorrectly spelt.

1. Thousands of buildings were flattened in the San Francisco ..... of 1906.
   A. earthquack ***B. earthquake*** ***C. earthquaïk***
2. The ..... damaged properties all along the coast.
   A. hurricane ***B. hurriccane*** ***C. huriccane***
3. A ..... struck the southern coast with tremendous force.
   A. tornadoe ***B. tornado*** ***C. tornaddo***
4. The ..... caused immense damage in the regions along the coast.
   A. taifun ***B. typhone*** ***C. typhoon***
5. The ..... has been dormant for years, but last month it showed signs of new life.
   A. volcano ***B. vulcano*** ***C. volcanoe***
6. Several ..... were heard during the night as the army occupied the city.
   A. explossions ***B. explosiones*** ***C. explosions***
7. The American ..... of 1861–1865 was fought between the south and the north.
   A. civil war ***B. sivil war*** ***C. civvil war***
8. There has been a major ..... on the motorway.
   A. acident ***B. accident*** ***C. acciddent***
9. ..... rain has brought serious problems.

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A. Torrential ***B. Torential*** ***C. Torrantial***

10. The storm caused widespread ..... along the coast.
A. devvastation ***B. devustation*** ***C. devastation***

11. The ..... were caused by heavy rain.
A. floodes ***B. floods*** ***C. flouds***

12. Relief workers are bringing food to .....-stricken areas.
A. draught ***B. drought*** ***C. drouhgt***

13. ..... is widespread in parts of Africa, with millions suffering from malnutrition.
A. Famine ***B. Fammine*** ***C. Faminne***

14. The authorities are taking steps to prevent an ..... of cholera.
A. epidemmic ***B. epidemic*** ***C. eppidemic***

15. The ..... was spread from rats to fleas and then on to humans.
A. plague ***B. plaque*** ***C. plaigue***

2 Complete the sentences with an appropriate word or phrase from the box. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

broke out	casualties	disaster	erupted	refugees	relief
shook	spread	suffering	survivors		

1. The disease ..... rapidly, killing everybody in its path.
2. The fire ..... through the slums, destroying everything.

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3. When the volcano ....., people panicked and tried to escape.
4. The ground ..... violently when the earthquake began.
5. Fierce fighting ..... between government soldiers and rebel forces.
6. A funeral was held for the ..... of the fire.
7. An aid convoy was sent to help ..... of the hurricane.
8. ..... from the conflict in Mantagua have been fleeing across the border.
9. The poor people in the city have experienced terrible ..... as a result of the disaster.
10. International aid agencies are trying to bring ..... to the starving population.

3 Complete this report with words and phrases from Exercises 1 and 2. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CHARITIES SUPPORT FOUNDATION (ICSF)

The last year has been a particularly busy one for the ICSF. Outlined below are a few of the areas we have been busy in.

1. Following 1..... rain in eastern Mozamlumbi in January, millions were made homeless as 2..... waters rose. The water also became polluted and there was a cholera 3.....as people continued to use it for drinking and cooking. Furthermore, as the harvest had been destroyed and there was not enough food to go round, 4..... became a problem. Charities around

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the world worked particularly hard to bring 5..... to the area.

2. Mount Etsuvius, the 6..... which had been *dormant since 1968*, 7..... *suddenly in* April. Thousands had to be evacuated to camps 30 miles from the disaster area. They still have not been rehoused.
3. The 8..... in the Caribbean in July, which saw wind speeds of up to 180 miles per hour, caused immense 9..... on many islands. Islands off the Japanese coast also suffered their worst 10..... in almost 30 years, with prolonged winds in excess of 150 miles per hour. There were many 11..... who had to be evacuated to hospitals which were not properly equipped to deal with the disasters.
4. The 12..... in the northern part of Somopia continued into its second year, with millions of acres of crops destroyed by lack of rain. Meanwhile, the 13..... between those loyal to the president and those supporting the rebel leader continued into its fifth year. 14..... from the conflict have been fleeing across the border, with stories of atrocities committed by both sides.
5. In October, a fire 15..... through Londum, the ancient capital of Perania. The 16....., which probably started in a bakery, destroyed thousands of homes. There were several 17..... when the fire reached a fireworks factory, and a number of people were killed.
6. An outbreak of bubonic 18..... was reported in the eastern provinces of Indocuba in November. It is believed to have been caused by a sudden increase in the number of rats breeding in the sewers.

A full report will be available in February, and will be presented to the appropriate departments of the United Nations shortly afterwards.

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