7. A powerful _____ off the coast of Indonesia sparked a three-metre-high wave and killed at least 113 people.

A. earthquake B. tornado C. tsunami D. landslide

8. A _____ often occurs in the mountainous areas because many trees have been cut down.

A. forest fire B. flood C. tornado D. landslide

9. _____ often happen in rainy season especially in the center of Vietnam.

A. Droughts B. Storms C. Floods D. Sandstorms

10. Deforestation leads to _____ which can be defined as the changes in the average temperature.

A. flood B. climate change C. sandstorm D. erosion

Exercise 6. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the words in parentheses.

1. Today _____ can predict when a tidal wave will hit land. (SCIENCE)
2. That tsunami was the most _____ of the year 2004. (DISASTER)
3. We had left the city _____ before tidal waves came. (SAFETY)
4. Thousands of people have been made _____ by the flooding. (HOME)
5. Thunder makes me _____. (TERRIFY)
6. The _____ of the volcanoes is always disastrous. (ERUPT)

Exercise 7. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete each sentence.

1. They _____ on the lake when it started to rain so they went home.

A. fished B. fishing C. were fishing D. are fishing

2. Her dad found some money while he _____her suitcase.

A. packing B. package C. are packing D. was packing

3. Your brother _____in Myanma when he met his girlfriend.

A. study B. was studying C. were study D. was study

4. His grandma tried cake for the first time while she _____in China.

A. staying B. is staying C. is stayed D. was staying

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5. Her mom _____in the park when she saw a tree.

A. was going B. was going C. were going D. were going

6. _____it _____when I woke up this morning?

A. Is…raining B. Was…raining C. Is…rain D. Were…raining

7. What _____when his mother came?

A. were you doing B. was you doing

C. are you doing D. are you doing

8. What did you watch on TV while you _____dinner last night?

A. were having B. was having C. were having D. was having

9. The policeman _____his letter in the post office at that time.

A. is sending B. was sending C. sending D. was sending

10. It _____and cloudy when I left Ireland.

A. was rain B. was raining C. is raining D. raining

Exercise 8. Give the correct form of the verbs in the past continuous tense.

1. At this time last year, they _____ (build) this stadium.
2. I _____ (drive) my motorbike very fast when James called me.
3. I _____ (chat) with Hannah while Mr. Henry _____ (teach) the lesson yesterday.
4. My brother _____ (watch) TV when I got home.
5. At this time last night, I _____ (prepare) for my husband's birthday party.
6. What you _____ (do) at 7 p.m. last Monday?
7. Where you _____ (go) when I saw you last weekend?
8. They _____ (not go) to church when I met them yesterday.
9. My mother _____ (not do) the housework when our grandparents came home.
10. Ms. Stacey _____ (read) books while her children _____ (play) football yesterday afternoon.

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Exercise 9: Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets: past simple or past continuous.

1. When I _____ to school, I _____ John. (walk/see)
2. When I _____ in the kitchen, Mary _____. (help/come)
3. While she _____ the soup, the children _____. (cook/play)
4. While they _____ cards, the baby _____. (play/sleep)
5. When I _____ in the garden, my uncle _____. (work/call)
6. Carol _____ TV while Bob and Peter _____ football. (watch/play)
7. When she _____ her hair, the baby _____ to cry. (wash/begin)
8. A strong wind _____ when the plane _____. (blow/land)
9. When she _____ tennis, it _____ to rain. (play/began)
10. When I _____ TV, the lights _____ out. (watch/go)
11. While he _____ the piano, she _____ to him. (play/listen)
12. While she _____ up her room, he _____ his car. (tidy/wash)
13. The boys _____ in the garden while she _____ the flowers. (help/water)
14. He _____ Mary when he _____ through the park. (meet/walk)
15. We _____ computer games while she _____ a book. (play/read)

Exercise 10: Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets: past simple or past continuous.

1. They _____ (have) tea when the doorbell _____ (ring).
2. Father _____ (smoke) his pipe while mother _____ (read) a magazine.
3. While he _____ (mow) the lawn, it _____ (start) to rain.
4. He _____ (have) breakfast when the toaster _____ (blow) up.
5. When I _____ (come) into the office, my boss _____ (wait) for me.
6. When we _____ (see) Brian, he _____ (drive) a taxi.
7. He _____ (wait) in the car while she _____ (do) the shopping.
8. When he _____ (arrive), we _____ (have) dinner.
9. While they _____ (play) chess, we _____ (go) shopping.

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10. They _____ (have) a party while he _____ (sleep).
11. He _____ (take) a photo when I _____ (feed) the ducks.
12. They _____ (play) football when the lights in the stadium _____ (go) out.
13. While George and John _____ (clean) their room, Linda _____ (do) the ironing.
14. Sam _____ (do) the ironing when Jack _____ (phone) her.
15. We _____ (wait) at Victoria station when the train _____ (arrive).

Exercise 11. Read the text and choose the correct option.

Erosion in America

Erosion of America's farmland by wind and water has been a problem since settlers first put the prairies and grasslands under the plow in the nineteenth century. By the 1930s, (1) _____ 282 million acres of farmland (2) _____ by erosion. After 40 years of (3) _____ efforts, soil erosion has accelerated due to new demands (4) _____ on the land by heavy crop production. In the years ahead, soil erosion and the pollution problems it causes are likely to replace petroleum scarcity as the nation's most critical (5) _____ resource problem.

1.	A. more than	B. more	C. less	D. than
2.	A. damaged	B. was damaged	C. were damaged	D. damages
3.	A. conserve	B. conservation	C. conserving	D. conservations
4.	A. were placed	B. was placed	C. which placed	D. placed
5.	A. nature	B. natural	C. nation	D. national

Exercise 12. 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 to move to safer areas until the storm passes. Floods are caused along the coasts by both the heavy rain and a storm tide that is considerably above normal water level. The

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