

I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Earthquakes are amongst the most destructive (1) disasters. They usually (2) without any warning and (3) in a great (4) of life and an enormous demolition of buildings. Additionally, they may cause devastating landslides or create gigantic tidal waves which, in (5), are colossal walls of water smashing into seashores with such force that they are (6) of destroying coastal cities. However, the (7) majority of fatalities and serious injuries (8) about when buildings (9) .

Most frequently, the earthquake lasts 30 to 60 seconds, so usually there is no time to (10) the mortal (11) once the shaking starts. The savage forces of an earthquake trigger (12) a complex chain (13) in the building's structure when it is shaken, lifted, pushed or pulled. A building's height, its shape and construction materials are the most significant (14) deciding about the survival or collapse of the structure and, consequently, about the life or death of its (15).

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| 1. a) nature | b) naturalistic | c) natural | d) native |
| 2. a) hit | b) strike | c) fall | d) attack |
| 3. a) result | b) effect | c) lead | d) cause |
| 4. a) fatality | b) waste | c) harm | d) loss |
| 5. a) fact | b) certainty | c) honesty | d) truth |
| 6. a) potential | b) conceivable | c) capable | d) possible |
| 7. a) wide | b) broad | c) full | d) vast |
| 8. a) bring | b) come | c) lay | d) make |
| 9. a) demolish | b) jumble | c) destroy | d) collapse |
| 10. a) avert | b) evade | c) abstain | d) restrain |
| 11. a) upkeep | b) upturn | c) upshot | d) uptake |
| 12. a) up | b) on | c) out | d) off |
| 13. a) activity | b) motion | c) progress | d) reaction |
| 14. a) factors | b) phenomena | c) points | d) ingredients |
| 15. a) settlers | b) citizens | c) inhabitants | d) burghers |

II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. Does it make any (DIFFER) to them if we pay by cheque?
2. The two boys should receive a just punishment. Their (BEHAVE) at the inauguration ceremony was really outrageous.
3. Couldn't you provide us with a more (PRACTICE) scheme? The one you have just devised is not sensible at all.
4. As a matter of fact, the realisation of the project itself isn't so (TROUBLE) as the initial conditions we have to accept.
5. Jason is the most (TRUTH) person I know. He never tells lies.
6. Mutual accusations will get you nowhere. You'd better try to find a more reasonable (SOLVE) to your conflict.
7. The main cause of the current crisis in the party seems to be the deep (DIVIDE) between its members.
8. It's most (FASHION) among youths these days to spend their free time in the cinema.
9. Unfortunately, none of us managed to convince the director of the benefits that our experiment might bring. His (APPROVE) grew even stronger when Jack mentioned the possible cost of the venture.
10. Cindy and Mike's close (FRIEND) finally developed into a profound feeling and culminated in their marriage last year.
11. Nobody has applied for the mission knowing how (HAZARD) it may be.
12. Tom has lost his (CONFIDE) in conventional medicine after many years of unsuccessful treatment and has opted for acupuncture.
13. 'What's the (LONG) of this rope?' 'It's six metres long.'
14. Mark's been terribly busy this week. It's (DOUBT) whether he'll attend our performance tomorrow.
15. 'Why didn't they react to my warning?'
'They might not have understood its discreet (MEAN).'

III. Insert the correct prepositions.

AT	BETWEEN	BY	IN	FOR	FROM	OF	ON	WITH
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1. Although Mrs Parker was bitterly jealous her friends' higher wages in the company, she managed to avoid making sharp comments.
2. The committee doesn't support any immediate changes. They say the modifications should be introduced step step.

3. The landlord was very generous to us. All that we consumed in his inn was the house.
4. We can't give up. Now that we have gone through the most difficult part of the route we must reach Khartoum any cost.
5. If you had informed us advance that you wouldn't be giving any seminar we wouldn't have gone to the trouble of making all the necessary arrangements.
6. Jack's great interest Unidentified Flying Objects seems quite odd to his friends, but the boy considers it an absorbing hobby.
7. What unavoidably makes me angry Frank is his inability to take prompt decisions.
8. The football star is going to spend holidays in a secluded place where he expects to hide the curious journalists and photographers.
9. All the candidates, except Mr Jenkins, have scored the required number of points.
10. Customers used to complain about the high prices of food, meat particular.
11. Learning this long definition heart, at first, seemed an impossible task. But, finally, I was successful memorizing it.
12. Instead a long speech at the beginning of the meeting, the chairman only gave a short welcome to all the participants.
13. Only Mark was keen going fishing early in the morning. The rest of the company felt too tired after their long journey.
14. Tell the children to stop fooling around or I'll lose my patience them.
15. There's no difference price these two printers.

IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.

1. It wasn't Tom that you saw in the department store, for sure.

It couldn't

2. We had to call the doctor because the baby had a high temperature (because of).

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3. If I were you, I wouldn't tell anybody about the discovery.

You had

4. The boys laughed at the man in spite of his old age. (fun of)

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5. You are all welcome to take any food you like.

Help

6. What was the reason for his resignation? (**made**)

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7. Did the children enjoy themselves during the performance? (**good time**)

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8. We haven't had any message from him since March. (**heard**)

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9. You don't have to worry about the future. (**no need**)

There

10. All the students were awarded diplomas.

Every

V. Choose the correct answer.

1. If you go on me like this, I will never be able to finish writing my report.

a) disturbing b) afflicting c) concerning d) affecting

2. Turn off this machine, please. The harsh sound really me crazy.

a) takes b) worries c) drives d) bothers

3. Everyone knew that this task would require a considerable effort.

a) working b) engaging c) making d) completing

4. Mr Tanner did his best to fix the faulty oven, but his at repairing electrical devices wasn't good enough to succeed.

a) service b) skill c) technique d) craft

5. Judy didn't for a second to agree to Mike's proposal as she had been in love with the boy for a long time.

a) decide b) linger c) hesitate d) await

6. Don't get so nervous about his coming late. When you get to know him better, you'll learn to take it

a) easy b) loose c) nice d) fine

7. The inconsiderate driver was for parking his vehicle in the wrong place.

a) inflicted b) condemned c) harrassed d) fined

8. The idea to a visit to the local council residence was welcomed by all the visitors.
a) do b) pay c) go d) walk
9. His of the safety regulations really can't be ignored any longer.
a) disregard b) unfamiliarity c) carelessness d) inattention
10. Let's the place, it looks so gloomy and unpleasant.
a) miss b) abandon c) depart d) disappear
11. What you are saying is quite, so give us, please, more details on the situation.
a) famous b) accustomed c) obvious d) familiar
12. For a short while, I managed to catch of the President entering the palace.
a) vision b) notice c) view d) sight
13. The suggestion to leave the camp at once was strongly by the climbers who were afraid of the approaching snowstorm.
a) opposed b) complained c) quarreled d) resigned
14. The first thing for all of you to remember is that your duties may result in an instant dismissal.
a) escaping b) neglecting c) resisting d) missing
15. It was the commission's job to decide whether the pilot was for the crash that occurred right after the take-off.
a) responsible b) prone c) guilty d) comprehensive
16. None of us has ever of taking any rash steps against illegal broadcasting.
a) declared b) persisted c) approved d) concluded
17. Several soldiers of the squad were taken by the enemy forces.
a) capture b) hostage c) kidnap d) torture
18. The student was of understanding the theory even after the professor's profound explanation.
a) incompetent b) incapable c) helpless d) unsuccessful
19. I'm going for a walk in the park. Would you like to me company?
a) follow b) stay c) ward d) keep
20. Patrick is too a gambler to resist placing a bet on the final game.
a) instant b) spontaneous c) compulsive d) continuous