UNIT 9: NATURAL DISASTERS

A. PHONETICS

I. Mark the stress on the correct syllable for the following words

1. biography	6. physiology	11. photography	16. meteorology
2. biology	7. ethnography	12. sociology	17. astrology
3. radiography	8. ethnology	13. apology	18. zoology
4. radiology	9. geography	14. bibliography	19. demography
5. physiography	10. geology	15. climatology	20. psychology

II. Circle the word with a different stress pattern from the others.

1. **A.** technology	**B.** disaster	**C.** available	**D.** temporary
2. **A.** accommodation	**B.** evacuation	**C.** oceanography	**D.** environmentalist
3. **A.** tsunami	**B.** evacuee	**C.** ecology	**D.** volcanic
4. **A.** volunteer	**B.** scientific	**C.** sociology	**D.** property
5. **A.** electronic	**B.** biology	**C.** photography	**D.** astrology

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Write the names of the disasters on the line, then match them to the pictures.

tsunami	earthquake	drought	avalanche	flood
tornado	mudslide	volcanic eruption	typhoon	wildfire

1. A sudden, violent shaking of the earth's surface. _____
2. Hot lava, ash and gases come up suddenly from below the earth's surface through an opening of a mountain. _____
3. A mass of snow, ice, and rock that falls down the side of a mountain. _____
4. A large amount of wet earth that suddenly falls down a hill. _____
5. A series of large ocean waves, usually caused by an underwater earthquake or a volcanic explosion. _____
6. A violent tropical storm with very strong winds. _____
7. A long period of time when there is little or no rain. _____
8. A very strong wind that goes quickly round in a circle or funnel. _____
9. A fire that starts in an area of countryside and spreads very quickly. _____
10. A large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry. _____

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II. Choose the correct answers.

1. The waves of the_____ were so huge that it destroyed everything on the beach.

A. tornado **B.** hurricane **C.** tsunami **D.** earthquake

2. Five skiers are missing after the_____ in the Alps.

A. drought **B.** landslide **C.** flood **D.** avalanche

3. After the_____ all the houses were left under water.

A. flood **B.** tornado **C.** typhoon **D.** mudslide

4. It took firefighters five days to put out the_____.

A. hurricane **B.** forest fire **C.** tsunami **D.** drought

5. A period of 3- 4 months without rain will cause a severe_____.

A. typhoon **B.** earthquake **C.** drought **D.** flood

6. The_____ picked up the car and threw it 100 meters into the air. That's an incredibly strong wind!

A. tornado **B.** volcanic eruption **C.** landslide **D.** typhoon

7. The_____ shook parts of the region around Tokyo on Saturday. It was 5 on the Richter Scale.

A. hurricane **B.** flood **C.** earthquake **D.** tornado

8. _____ occur when a large amount of water causes the rapid erosion of soil on a steep slope.

A. Tsunamis **B.** Tornados **C.** Avalanches **D.** Mudslides

9. A big storm in the Pacific is known as a_____.

A. avalanche **B.** typhoon **C.** tsunami **D.** tornado

10. Mount Merapi in Indonesia is a famous_____.

A. landslide **B.** typhoon **C.** volcano **D.** tornado

III. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

debris	tornadoes	victims	mudslide	havoc
disasters	property	accommodation	supplies	flood

1. The_____ was overwhelming and the City was soon drowned.
2. Teams of people are still clearing the_____ from damaged trees and houses after the tornado.
3. Temporary housing can be provided to victims when natural strike.
4. The storm wreaked_____ in the garden, uprooting trees and blowing a fence down.
5. _____can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris.
6. Four people were reported killed when a buried their house.

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7. Many people lost their homes due to the earthquake and are staying in temporary _____ until their houses are rebuilt.
8. Food, clean water and medical_____ arrived three days after the typhoon.
9. A natural disaster can cause loss of life or damage_____.
10. The government is sending aid to flood_____.

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