

UNIT 9: NATURAL DISASTERS

Choose the best option to complete each of the following sentences.

1. According to the weather _____, it will be raining tonight.
A. forecast B. forecaster C. forecasted D. forecasting
2. Thuy's grandma turned the television _____ to see the weather forecast.
A. off B. up C. on D. down
3. I hope my friends won't laugh _____ me.
A. on B. for C. against D. at
4. A tropical storm which reaches 120 kilometers per hour is called a _____ in North and South America.
A. typhoon B. hurricane C. cyclone D. tornado
5. The tsunami _____ in December 2004 in South East Asia killed more than 160.000 people.
A. disaster B. disastrous C. disastrously D. disasterring
6. The roof _____ under the weight of snow last night.
A. collapse B. collapsing C. collapsed D. collapses
7. Pompeii was completely _____ in AD 79 by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
A. to destroy B. destroy C. destroyed D. destroying
8. In 1995, a huge earthquake _____ the city of Kobe in Japan.
A. strike B. struck C. striking D. striked
9. We _____ each other since we left school.
A. don't meet B. didn't meet C. won't meet D. haven't met
10. Yesterday, a typhoon _____ a coastal city in the country.
A. strike B. hit C. predicted D. collapsed
11. People can know when a volcano will _____, won't they?
A. break B. warn C. erupt D. suck
12. Mount Pinatubo, _____ is a volcano in the Philippines erupted in 1991.
A. which B. who C. whom D. whose
13. Tornadoes or funnel-shaped storms can suck up anything _____ is in their path.
A. who B. whom C. that D. whose
14. Neil Armstrong, _____ was the first person to step onto the moon, lived in the USA.
A. which B. whom C. who D. whose
15. In Australia, a tropical storm is called _____.
A. typhoon B. hurricane C. cyclone D. tornado
16. In Asia, a tropical storm is called _____.
A. typhoon B. hurricane C. cyclone D. tornado
17. Ninety percent of _____ occur around the Pacific Rim.
A. earthquakes B. typhoons C. volcanoes D. tornadoes
18. A funnel-shaped storm passing overland below a thunderstorm is called a _____.
A. typhoon B. tsunami C. tornado D. hurricane
19. The city _____ was struck by a huge earthquake in 1995 is Japan is Kobe.
A. which B. who C. whom D. whose
20. The explorer _____ discovered America is Christopher Columbus.
A. which B. who C. whom D. whose

Give a correct preposition to each gap.

21. Scientists had warned them _____ the eruption.
22. Hue will have temperatures _____ 23°C and 27°C.
23. I am preparing for a picnic _____ my friends tomorrow.
24. I hope my friends won't laugh _____ me.
25. Please bring some raincoats just _____ case.
26. I can't hear. Please turn the volume _____, will you?
27. Daddy, it's the weather forecast _____ TV.
28. Tornadoes can suck _____ anything that is in their path.

Give the correct form of the words in brackets.

29. According to the weather forecast, it will be _____ tomorrow.

(sun)

30. A _____ storm hit the city last night. (tropic)
 31. The volcano is one of the largest _____ in the world. (erupt)
 32. A _____ wave can only occur in that case. (tide)
 33. The most _____ earthquake in Japanese history damaged Tokyo and Yokohama. (disaster)
 34. _____ have warned the local people of the disaster. (science)

Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

35. Tom suggested _____ to a nearby restaurant. (go)
 36. What about _____ by bus? (travel)
 37. But I like _____ them, dear. (watch)
 38. If we pollute the water, we _____ no fresh water to use. (have)
 39. We haven't met each other since we _____ school. (leave)
 40. Trang _____ the first prize in the English speaking contest. (just win)
 41. Rice _____ in tropical countries. (grow)
 42. This exercise must _____ carefully. (do)

Combine the two sentences by using a suitable relative clause.

43. I bought a new typewriter. It cost me a lot of money.
 ✂ _____
 44. Tom is one of my closest friends. He is very intelligent.
 ✂ _____
 45. This is the newspaper. I want you to buy it.
 ✂ _____
 46. 4. Have you ever spoken to the people? They live next door.
 ✂ _____
 47. 5. It's is the book. It will interest children of all ages.
 ✂ _____
 48. The Pikes keep having all-night parties. They live next door.
 ✂ _____
 49. Where are the eggs? They are in the fridge.
 ✂ _____
 50. Vietnam exports rice. Vietnam is in south-east Asia.
 ✂ _____
 51. I am talking to Russ. His land is in the region.
 ✂ _____
 52. The man and animals were from China. You saw them on TV.
 ✂ _____

Fill in each gap with a suitable word in the box below.

--died – killed – prevented – occurred – began – cooking – broke – caused--

Almost a hundred thousand people were _____ (53) and half a million homes destroyed as a result of an earthquake in Tokyo in 1923. The earthquake _____ (54) a minute before noon when the inhabitants of Tokyo were _____ (55) their midday meals. Thousands of stoves were overturned as soon as the earth began to shake. As a result, small fires _____ (56) out everywhere and quickly spread. The fires engines were _____ (57) from going to help because many of the roads had cracked open. It was impossible to use fire fighting equipment as most of the water pipes had burst. Consequently, over ninety percent of the damage was _____ (58) by fire rather than by the collapse of the buildings. Most of those who _____ (59) were not killed in the earthquake itself but in the fires, which followed. If the earthquake had _____ (60) at night while people were sleeping, far fewer would have died.