TEST 1

Earthquakes are amongst the most destructive … (1) disasters. They usually … (2) without any warning and … (3) in a great … (4) of life and an enourmous demolition of buildings. Additionally, they may cause devastating landslides or create gigantic tidal waves which, in … (5), are colosal 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 earthqake lasts 30 to 60 seconds, so usually there is no time to … (10) the mortal … (11) once the shaking starts. The savage force of an earthquake trigger … (12) a complex chain … (13) in the 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 ot its … (15)

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