

Historical Natural Disasters

Natural Disasters · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which Italian city was buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD?

- A) Rome
- B) Pompeii**
- C) Venice
- D) Florence

2. In what year did the Great Fire of London occur?

- A) 1666**
- B) 1776
- C) 1555
- D) 1888

3. Which US state experienced the major 1906 earthquake that caused a massive city-wide fire?

- A) New York
- B) Texas
- C) California**
- D) Florida

4. The 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens is located in which country?

- A) Canada
- B) Mexico
- C) United States**
- D) Chile

5. Which ocean was the epicenter of the 2004 tsunami that affected countries like Indonesia and Thailand?

- A) Atlantic
- B) Pacific
- C) Arctic
- D) Indian**

6. The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 is considered one of the most destructive river floods in the history of which country?

- A) United States**
- B) Egypt
- C) China
- D) Brazil

7. What type of natural disaster was the 1930s 'Dust Bowl' in the North American prairies?

- A) Volcanic Eruption
- B) Hurricane
- C) Drought**
- D) Avalanche

8. In 1883, which volcanic island eruption was heard thousands of kilometers away?

- A) Fuji
- B) Krakatoa**
- C) Etna
- D) Helens

9. Which hurricane hit the city of New Orleans in 2005?

- A) Hurricane Katrina**
- B) Hurricane Sandy
- C) Hurricane Andrew
- D) Hurricane Hugo

10. The 1976 Tangshan earthquake occurred in which country?

- A) Japan
- B) India
- C) China**
- D) Thailand

11. Which tropical cyclone hit Bangladesh in 1970, causing one of the highest death tolls in recorded history?

- A) Cyclone Bhola**
- B) Cyclone Pam
- C) Cyclone Nargis
- D) Cyclone Idai

12. What natural phenomenon triggered the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident?

- A) Tornado
- B) Wildfire
- C) Earthquake and Tsunami**
- D) Volcano

13. The 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake famously interrupted which major sporting event?

- A) Super Bowl
- B) World Series**
- C) Olympics
- D) Wimbledon

14. In 1902, the eruption of Mount Pelée destroyed the city of Saint-Pierre on which island?

- A) Martinique**
- B) Iceland
- C) Hawaii
- D) Sicily

15. Which of these is the term for a fast-moving, destructive wave of hot gas and volcanic matter?

- A) Lava flow
- B) Pyroclastic flow**
- C) Mudslide
- D) Tsunami

16. The 'Great Smog of London' in 1952 was a severe air pollution event caused by what?

- A) Volcano
- B) Factory chemicals
- C) Coal smoke**
- D) Dust storm

17. The 1960 Valdivia earthquake remains the strongest earthquake ever recorded and occurred in which country?

- A) Chile**
- B) Peru
- C) Japan
- D) Indonesia

18. The 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo occurred in which country?

- A) Philippines**
- B) Indonesia
- C) Vietnam
- D) Malaysia

19. Which major city was affected by the Great Fire of 1871?

- A) Boston
- B) Chicago**
- C) Atlanta
- D) Seattle

20. A 'Nor'easter' is a type of intense storm primarily affecting the coast of which region?

- A) North America**
- B) Australia
- C) Antarctica
- D) Africa