Natural Disasters Quiz

Natural Disasters · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which scale is used to measure the intensity and magnitude of earthquakes?

A) Richter scale
B) Beaufort scale
C) Celsius scale
D) Saffir-Simpson scale

2. What is the name of the opening in the Earth's crust through which lava, ash, and gases escape?

A) Canyon
B) Vent
C) Plateau
D) Delta

3. Which type of tropical cyclone is characterized by strong winds and heavy rain, and is known as a typhoon in the Northwest Pacific?

A) Blizzard
B) Drought
C) Hurricane
D) Landslide

4. What is a long period of abnormally low rainfall in a particular area called?

A) Flood
B) Tsunami
C) Drought
D) Avalanche

5. A tsunami is most commonly caused by which of the following events occurring under the ocean?

A) Strong winds
B) Earthquake
C) High tide
D) Heavy rain

6. What is the term for a rapidly rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the Earth and a cumulonimbus cloud?

A) Tornado
B) Dust devil
C) Cyclone
D) Monsoon

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7. Which natural disaster occurs when large masses of earth, rock, or debris move down a slope?

A) Wildfire
B) Earthquake
C) Landslide
D) Tsunami

8. What is the primary cause of most wildfires in natural forest environments?

A) Lightning strikes
B) Volcanic eruptions
C) Ocean currents
D) Global warming

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