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The second Examination of English

Haiti in Ruins After Huge Earthquake

Television pictures are slowly beginning to show how great the damage is in Haiti following the huge earthquake on Tuesday. A magnitude 7.3 quake, just 16km from the capital, hit the Caribbean nation as people were going home after work. It was the worst earthquake to strike Haiti in more than two centuries. Much of **the country** has been devastated. Many major buildings in the capital Port-au-Prince have collapsed, including the Presidential Palace and the UN headquarters. Haiti's President Rene Preval described the scene in the capital as "unimaginable". The Red Cross says up to 3 million people have been affected. Mr. Preval fears "well over 100,000 people" may have died.

Haiti's ambassador to the USA, Raymond Joseph, said there was "no way of estimating" how many casualties there were. Countries around the world are acting quickly to send whatever help **they** can to Haiti. US President Barack Obama has promised America will do all it can to help. **He** vowed "unwavering support" following a "particularly cruel" disaster. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. More than half its people live below the poverty line on less than two dollars a day. It is one of the poorest-equipped countries on Earth to deal with such a catastrophe. The nation was still trying to recover from being hit by four deadly hurricanes in 30 days in 2008. Its economy is in ruins and it has a long history of corruption and coups.

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Ex1/Choose the general idea of the text:

a-Deadly hurricanes of 2008. b-A real Tsunami experience. c-Huge earthquake.

Ex2/Say if these statements are (True) or (False) according to the text:

a-Most Haitians were having their breakfast when the earthquake hit.
b-The president's palace was in ruins after the earthquake.
c-Haiti's ambassador to the US has a good idea of casualty figures.
d-Haiti was hit by four different hurricanes in 2008.

Ex3/Answer these questions according to the text:

a-Which major buildings in the capital have collapsed?
b-How did countries around the world react?
c-Was Haiti able to face such a disaster?

Ex4/In which paragraph is it mentioned that it was very difficult to know exactly the number of victims??

Ex5/What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

a-The country. b-They. c-He.

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Text exploration :

Ex1/Match words in column(a) with their synonyms in column (b):

A-words	B-synonyms
1-show	a-lethal
2-devastated	b-reveal
3-support	c-help
4-deadly	d-ruined

Ex2/Fill in the table below:

Verb	Noun
begin	……
……	help
differ	……
……	equipment

Ex3/Re-write sentence(b)that means the same as (a):

a1-The ambassador asked:"How do they know the number of casualties?"

b1-The ambassador asked……

a2-US president Barack Obama promised:"America will do all it can to help" .

b2-US president Barack Obama promised that……

Ex4/Underline the silent letters in the following words:

comb – talk – island – sword

Ex5/Reorder the following sentences to write a coherent paragraph:

a-Important measures were taken by the government.

b-It destroyed the whole town.

c-At midnight a violent earthquake awakened people.

d-To rescue & help the victims.

a	b	c	d

Written expression: **Choose either topic1 or topic2**

Topic1/Using the following notes write a short paragraph about the 2003 Boumerdes earthquake occurred on May 21st,2003……

-Magnitude 7.3 on Richter scale

-2266 people killed & 10261 injured

-More than 1243 buildings completely or partially destroyed

-150000 people became homeless

-solidarity among Algerians(rescuers, food, blood, clothes)

-government program to reconstruct the affected area.

Topic2/ Are you ready to volunteer & take part to save people in danger of natural disasters??? Justify your answer with arguments.

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