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Purpose:

This measure was designed to assess the effectiveness of the Marine Corps Emergency Preparedness program; however we believe it can be utilized for assessing other similar programs.

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1. Which of the following is often accompanied by intense thunderstorms and strong winds that can exceed 155 miles per hour (mph)?
 - a. Earthquake
 - b. Tsunami
 - c. Pandemic
 - d. Hurricane

2. Which of the following involves the deliberate release of bacteria, viruses, or biotoxins with the intent to harm or kill?
 - a. Chemical terrorism
 - b. Radiological dispersion
 - c. Biological terrorism
 - d. All of the above

3. What is the primary purpose of the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS)?
 - a. A system that warns against potential natural disasters
 - b. A system that communicates information about terrorist threats
 - c. A system that tracks the activities of suspected terrorists
 - d. A system designed to help victims of terrorist attacks

4. Which of the following is NOT part of a typical home fire escape plan?
 - a. A floor plan of your residence
 - b. Identification of a meeting place
 - c. Copies of financial records
 - d. Identification of escape routes

5. What does ICE (In Case of Emergency) refer to?
 - a. A list of medications
 - b. A person's name and phone number listed in his or her cell phone
 - c. A detailed fire escape route
 - d. All of the above

6. An emergency supplies kit should include enough food for how many days?
 - a. One
 - b. Two
 - c. Three
 - d. Five

7. How often should you review a family emergency plan with children?
 - a. Every day
 - b. At least once per year
 - c. At least once every other year
 - d. Never – such a review might worry children

8. Which of the following statements about preparing children for potential emergencies is most accurate?
 - a. Children should not be involved in planning since it might scare them
 - b. Children are not capable of understanding the importance of planning for an emergency
 - c. Children will cope better in the event of an emergency if they have participated in preparing for possible situations
 - d. A and B

9. Which of the following statements is true regarding preparing for an emergency when someone close to you has a disability or other special needs?
 - a. Individuals with special needs should always follow exactly the same preparations as anybody else
 - b. Specific preparations may be needed for the individual depending on the level and type of special need
 - c. Individuals with special needs and children should be prepared in exactly the same way
 - d. Individuals with special needs always are able to take care of themselves in emergency situations without specific preparations

10. The best way to help pets during an emergency requiring evacuation is to:
 - a. Leave pets in the safety of your home in the event of an evacuation
 - b. Turn pets loose and find them when it is safe to do so
 - c. Take pets with you in the event of an evacuation
 - d. All of the above are acceptable alternatives that are equally effective

11. Which of the following statements about personal property insurance is most accurate?
- Both a landlord's property insurance and the Marine Corps will cover any personal property losses in the event of an emergency
 - A landlord's property insurance, but not the Marine Corps will cover any personal property losses in the event of an emergency
 - The Marine Corps, but not a landlord's property insurance, will cover any personal property losses in the event of an emergency
 - Neither a landlord's property insurance nor the Marine Corps will cover any personal property losses in the event of an emergency
12. To best prepare an inventory of your personal property in the event of an emergency, you should:
- List everything you own
 - Give an estimate of the replacement costs of the items on your list
 - List only your most valuable possessions
 - A and B
13. When is it most appropriate to shelter-in-place?
- When all family members are home
 - When there are pets in the house
 - When evacuation is more dangerous than staying in place
 - All of the above
14. Have you developed a fire escape plan for your home?
- Yes
 - No
15. Does your household have an emergency plan that includes instructions for household members about where to go and what to do in the event of a disaster?
- Yes
 - No
16. If you have an emergency plan, have you discussed the details of the plan with other members in your household?
- Yes
 - No
17. Do you have supplies set aside in your home to be used only in the case of a disaster?
- Yes, I have a complete emergency supply kit in my home
 - Yes, I have some emergency supplies, but not a complete emergency supply kit
 - No, but I have a list of supplies that I plan to purchase
 - No, I have no plans to set aside emergency supplies

18. Please circle which of the following disaster supplies you have in your home:

- a. A supply of bottled water
- b. A supply of packaged food
- c. A flashlight
- d. A whistle
- e. Sleeping bags or blankets
- f. A complete change of clothes
- g. Cooking supplies
- h. Fire extinguisher
- i. Dust mask
- j. Plastic sheeting
- k. Duct tape
- l. Matches
- m. Household chlorine bleach
- n. Tools
- o. Paper and pencil
- p. Pet food
- q. Books, games, or other activities
- r. A portable, battery –powered radio
- s. Batteries
- t. A first aid kit
- u. Eyeglasses
- v. Medications
- w. Photocopies of personal identification
- x. Financial documents
- y. Cash or travelers checks
- z. Other (please specify): _____

19. In thinking about preparing yourself for a major disaster, which best represents your preparedness?

- a. I am not planning to do anything about preparing
- b. I have not yet prepared but I intend to in the next 6 months
- c. I have not yet prepared but I intend to in the next month
- d. I just recently began preparing
- e. I have been prepared for at least the past 6 months

20. How prepared is your household for the following emergencies or threats (please use a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 = not prepared, 2 = not sure, 3 = somewhat prepared, 4 = very prepared, N/A = not a threat where you live)

a. Tornados	1	2	3	4	N/A
b. Severe thunderstorms	1	2	3	4	N/A
c. Floods	1	2	3	4	N/A
d. Earthquakes	1	2	3	4	N/A
e. Cyclones	1	2	3	4	N/A
f. Typhoons	1	2	3	4	N/A
g. Hurricanes	1	2	3	4	N/A
h. Wildfires	1	2	3	4	N/A
i. Landslides	1	2	3	4	N/A
j. Heat emergencies	1	2	3	4	N/A
k. Ice storms/blizzards	1	2	3	4	N/A
l. Power outages	1	2	3	4	N/A
m. Carbon monoxide poisoning	1	2	3	4	N/A
n. Residential fire	1	2	3	4	N/A
o. Hazardous material/chemical accidents	1	2	3	4	N/A
p. Pandemic flu	1	2	3	4	N/A
q. Evacuation	1	2	3	4	N/A
r. Sheltering in place	1	2	3	4	N/A

21. Do you have a working carbon monoxide alarm in your house?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't know

22. If you were told by authorities to shelter in place during a disaster, would you know what to do?

- a. Yes
- b. No

23. How many working smoke alarms/smoke detectors do you have in your house?

- a. None
- b. One
- c. At least one on each level of my house (if your house has two or more levels)
- d. One in every room of my house

24. Please indicate how complete each of following are for your household (please use a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 = no plans to complete, 2 = have not worked on, but plan to start soon, 3 = started to work on, but not complete, 4 = complete):

a. A shelter in place plan	1	2	3	4
b. Shelter in place supplies	1	2	3	4
c. A personal or family evacuation plan	1	2	3	4
d. A family communication plan	1	2	3	4
e. A family meeting place	1	2	3	4
f. Emergency contact cards	1	2	3	4
g. A first aid kit	1	2	3	4
h. A three-day disaster supply kit	1	2	3	4
i. Pet evacuation plans and supplies	1	2	3	4
j. A home fire safety plan	1	2	3	4
k. Copies of important documents stored in an location away from your home	1	2	3	4
l. Medical/prescription records	1	2	3	4

25. Are you aware of the details of the emergency or evacuation plan of your child(ren)'s school?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. N/A – I have no school-aged children

26. Have you spoken with your child(ren) about potential hazards?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. N/A – I have no children in my household

27. Please circle which of the following you have in place for your pets:

- a. Pet ID tags are current
- b. Veterinary records are up to date
- c. Plans in place for emergency pet shelter
- d. Pet emergency supply kit is updated
- e. N/A – no pets live in my household

28. Please circle which of the following you have in place for individuals with disabilities or other special needs:

- a. Emergency health information
- b. Medical alert tags or bracelets
- c. Special supplies for emergency kit (such as oxygen, medication, etc.)
- d. Medical/prescription records
- e. N/A – no individuals with special needs live in my household

29. Do you have copies of important financial or insurance documents in a safe place to help you rebuild or seek assistance following a disaster?
- a. Yes
 - b. No

30. How often do you complete the following in your household?

	Never	Less than once per year	Once per year	More than once per year	Don't know
a. Hold a fire drill	1	2	3	4	5
b. Practice a home evacuation drill	1	2	3	4	5
c. Practice a home shelter in place drill	1	2	3	4	5
d. Update emergency plans	1	2	3	4	5
e. Update emergency supplies in your home	1	2	3	4	5

The following questions will help us learn more about the types of people who take this class and how your background influences how much you get out of this class:

1. How old are you?
 - a. 18 to 21 years
 - b. 22 to 30 years
 - c. 31 to 40 years
 - d. 41 to 50 years
 - e. More than 50 years

2. Are you...?
 - a. Male
 - b. Female

3. What is your ethnicity?
 - a. Hispanic or Latino
 - b. Not Hispanic or Latino

4. What is your race?
 - a. American Indian or Alaska Native
 - b. Asian
 - c. Black or African American
 - d. White

5. Are you...?
 - a. Civilian
 - b. Enlisted
 - c. Officer

6. What is your current rank?
 - a. Private
 - b. Private First Class
 - c. Lance Corporal
 - d. Corporal
 - e. Sergeant
 - f. Staff Sergeant
 - g. Gunnery Sergeant
 - h. Master Sergeant
 - i. First Sergeant
 - j. Master Gunnery Sergeant
 - k. Sergeant Major
 - l. Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps
 - m. Lieutenant
 - n. Captain
 - o. Major
 - p. Lieutenant Colonel
 - q. Colonel
 - r. General

7. How likely do you think it is that your current community/place of residence will experience a natural disaster that causes property damage and/or physical injuries?
 - a. Not at all likely
 - b. A little likely
 - c. Very likely
 - d. Almost certain

8. Do you...?
 - a. Own your house
 - b. Rent your house
 - c. None of the above

9. What is your marital status?
- a. Single, never married
 - b. Single, divorced or separated
 - c. Married
 - d. Widowed
10. How many children live in your household?
- a. None
 - b. One
 - c. Two
 - d. Three
 - e. Four or more
11. Have you ever taken an emergency preparedness class before?
- a. No
 - b. Yes, within the past year
 - c. Yes, more than a year ago
12. Why are you taking this class?
- a. Personal decision
 - b. Recommended by a friend or family member
 - c. Recommended by a commander
 - d. Required by a commander

Emergency Preparedness Program Checklist (for follow-ups only)

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