

Fundamentals of Earthquake Engineering for Building Structures – Session 1: Seismology and earthquake effects – February 8, 2021

Due: March 8, 2021, 8:00 am EST – Submit through the online form



Pick the best answer.

1. Earthquakes occur:
 - a. In coastal areas
 - b. Only at plate boundaries
 - c. Mainly at plate boundaries but also in other areas

2. Earthquake intensity ____ with distance.
 - a. Increases
 - b. Decreases
 - c. Remains constant

3. Soft soils generally move ____ than firm soils in an earthquake
 - a. More
 - b. Less
 - c. About the same

4. Earthquake magnitude measures
 - a. The amount of energy released
 - b. The peak acceleration observed
 - c. The level of damage and other effects

5. Earthquake acceleration can be described as
 - a. Earthquake magnitude
 - b. Earthquake intensity
 - c. Earthquake damage

6. Which statement is correct?
 - a. A single earthquake can have a range of magnitudes, but only one intensity
 - b. A single earthquake can have a range of intensities, but only one magnitude





7. A Magnitude 7 earthquake releases approximately as much energy as _____ Magnitude 5 earthquakes.
 - a. 1.4
 - b. 10
 - c. 32
 - d. 100
 - e. 1000

8. Accelerations corresponding to an earthquake of a known magnitude at a known fault may be described as established
 - a. Deterministically
 - b. Statistically
 - c. Stochastically

9. Accelerations corresponding to a defined return period considering multiple sources (faults) can be described as established
 - a. Probabilistically
 - b. Statistically
 - c. Deterministically

10. Which statement is correct?
 - a. The “uniform hazard” approach defines a constant acceleration while the “uniform risk” approach defines the probability of a given acceleration.
 - b. The “uniform hazard” approach defines a constant return period while the “uniform risk” approach defines a risk of collapse in a given period.
 - c. The “uniform hazard” approach is synonymous with the “uniform risk” approach.

