

8. Nature's Message to Mankind

WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

England, Scotland and Scandinavia and now Germany are bracing themselves as the worst tidal surge in more than 60 years hits. The death toll from the storm has reached 10 it is reported.

About 10,000 homes have been evacuated along the Eastern English coast, while tidal floods – large amounts of seawater that swell onto land – surge through coastal towns. Some residents in South Wales had to be rescued by lifeboats from deep water that covered the towns in that region, the BBC reports.

Excess water is not the only result of the storm, Xaver. Hurricane-like winds as high as 140 mph have interrupted travel through Scotland, Wales and parts of England. Flights across Northern Europe have been cancelled. Train services in Scotland were cancelled Thursday morning as a result of debris blown on to the tracks. It will be many hours before services return to near normal levels. Power for more than 100,000 homes in Britain has been lost, Reuters News reports.

Northern Europe responded to the storm by cancelling flights and schools and by closing one of its longest bridges which connects Sweden to Denmark. People have been warned to stay indoors and travel only if it is absolutely necessary.

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Which countries have been affected by the rains and the tidal surge?

2. How many homes have been evacuated from the Eastern English coast?

3. What are tidal floods?

4. Describe at least two effects of the storm Xaver.

5. Which are the two news agencies which have given inputs for this report?

B. Make sentences using the following words.

1. Surge 2. Evacuated 3. Hurricane 4. Debris 5. Warn

C. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the passage.

1. Countries are _____ themselves for the worst _____
_____ in 60 years.
2. Tidal floods _____ through _____ towns.
3. _____ in South Wales had to be rescued by _____.
4. _____ winds have _____ travel.
5. People have been _____ to stay _____.

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Fill in the appropriate prepositions to complete the following sentences.

1. The truck fell _____ the ditch.
2. Kolkata is situated _____ the River Hugli.
3. The troops marched quietly _____ the forest.
4. The painter climbed _____ the ladder.
5. My sister was standing _____ me.
6. The book lay _____ the cushion.
7. The little boy sat _____ his parents.
8. The car went _____ the bridge _____ the river and _____ the city.

B. Underline the prepositions and circle the adverbs.

1. Aunty has gone out to the market.
2. Millie sat down on the rickety chair.
3. Give the colour pencils to Soma later.

C. Complete the sentences with the right conjunctions from the brackets.

1. Beethoven could not hear, _____ [and/yet] he composed music.
2. _____ [Although/Because] Sagar's parents were poor, they gave him a good education.
3. You can have _____ [either/both] coffee _____ [and/or] a cold drink.

D. Make sentences with the following prepositional phrases.

1. through the gate: _____
2. into the basket: _____
3. across the field: _____

WORKSHEET 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Each set of words below is from a profession. Write the profession to which they belong.

Profession	(a)	(b)	(c)
1. _____	court	client	case
2. _____	railway	drive	engine
3. _____	report	column	investigate
4. _____	hospital	stethoscope	prescribe
5. _____	water	tap	repair

B. Make sentences using the following pairs of words bringing out the differences in meaning.

- (a) sweet: _____
(b) suite: _____
- (a) later: _____
(b) latter: _____
- (a) apprise: _____
(b) appraise: _____
- (a) route: _____
(b) root: _____
- (a) sight: _____
(b) site: _____

C. Edit the following passage correcting the capital letters, punctuation marks, spelling and grammatical errors.

why dont i like the telephone because i think it is a pest and a time waster it may create unecesary suspence and anxiety as when you weit for expected call that doesnt come have you never rushed dripping from the bath or chewing from the tabel only to be old that you have the rong number