

CLASS – VIII

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CHAPTER – 2 The Tsunami

ANSWER

COMPREHENSION CHECK- I

Q. 1. Why did Tilly's family come to Thailand ?

Ans. Tilly's family came to Thailand to celebrate Christmas.

Q. 2. What were the warning signs that both Tilly and her mother saw ?

Ans. Both Tilly and her mother saw the sea was slowly rising and started to foam, bubble, and form whirlpools.

Q. 3. Do you think Tilly's mother was alarmed by them?

Ans. No, Tilly's mother could not understand what was happening.

Q.4. Where had Tilly seen the sea behaving in that same strange fashion ?

Ans. Tilly saw this in her geography class in a video on tsunamis that hit the Hawaiian islands in 1946.

Q. 5. Where did the Smith family and the others on the beach go to escape from the tsunami ?

Ans. The Smiths family and the others on the beach went to the third floor of the hotel to escape from the tsunami.

Q. 6. How do you think her geography teacher felt when he heard about what Tilly had done in Phuket?

Ans. Her geography teacher must have been proud of Tilly when he heard about what she had done in Phuket.

COMPREHENSION CHECK- II

Q.1. In the tsunami 150,000 people died. How many animals died?

Ans. A very little number of animals died in the tsunami.

Q. 2. How many people and animals died in Yala National Park ?

Ans. Sixty people and only two water buffaloes died in Yala National Park.

Q. 3. What do people say about the elephants of Yala National Park ?

Ans. The elephants started running away from the Patanangala beach.

Q. 4. What did the dogs in Galle do?

Ans. The dogs refused to go out on the beach on that day

WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Q. 1. When he felt the earthquake, do you think Luscious immediately worried about a tsunami? Give reasons for your answer. Which sentence in the text tells you that the Ignesium family did not have any time to discuss and plan their course of action after the tsunami struck?

Ans. Yes, I think when Ignesium felt the earthquake he immediately became worried about the Tsunami. "He took his television set off his table and put it down on the ground." This line tells us that he was very much alert about what was going to happen. He had no time to discuss the course of action. The line "Then the family rushed out of the house" proves it.

Q.2. How are Meghna and Almas's stories similar?

Ans. The stories of Meghna's and Almas's are similar both of them were swept away in almost similar situation. Luckily they were saved.

Q. 4. What are the different ways in which Tilly's parents could have reacted to her behaviour? What would you have done if you were in their place?

Ans. They could have thought her overreacting, could have ignored her screaming and could have scolded her for crying, shouting and creating a scene. But they were careful parents and listened to their child and followed her warnings.

If I would have been in their place, I think I would have also done the same what her parents did.

Q. 5. If Tilly's award was to be shared, who do you think she should share it with her parents or her geography teacher?

Ans. She should have shared it with her geography teacher because of him she could make out that it was tsunami.

Q. 6. What are the two different ideas about why so few animals were killed in the tsunami? Which idea do you find more believable?

Ans. Many people believe that animals have a sixth sense and know when the earth is going to shake. Some experts believe that animals have acute power of hearing which helps them to hear or feel the earth's vibration. The second idea has some scientific reasons to be believed.