

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Moments Chapter-6 Weathering The Storm in Ersama
Test Paper-03

Read the following passages and answer questions:

1. “He equipped himself with a long, sturdy stick, and then started on his eighteen kilometer expedition back to his village through the swollen flood waters. It was a journey he would never forget. He constantly had to use his sticks to locate the road, to determine where the was most shallow. At places it was waist deep, and progress was slow. At several points, he was relieved to find two friends of his uncle who were also returning to their village. They decided to move ahead together.”
 - a. How did Prashant started back to his village?
 - b. Why did Prashant use a long stick?
 - c. When was Prashant relieved?
 - d. Whom did he meet during the journey?
2. “As they waded through the waters, the scenes they witnessed grew more & more macabre. They had to push away many human bodies and carcasses of dogs, goats and cattle that the current swept against them as they moved ahead. In every village that they passed, they could barely see a house standing. Prashant now wept out loud and long. He was sure that his family couldn't have survived this catastrophe.”
 - a. What scenes did they witness?
 - b. What had they pushed away?
 - c. Why did Prashant weep out loud ?
 - d. Why was Prashant sure that his family could not have survived?
3. How did Prashant meet his family?
4. After meeting his family, what did Prashant find?
5. Why did Prashant and others want to communicate with the helicopters?
6. How did Prashant believe orphans to be settled?
7. After how long had Prashant’s wounded spirit healed? Why?
8. Why did Prashant and his friend’s family spend the night in cold terror?
9. Write the character sketch of Prashant as a social worker. (LA)
10. How did Prashant saved the orphaned children and widows? What did he do? (LA)

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Answers

1.
 - a. Prashant equipped himself with a long stick and then started on his eighteen kilometer expedition back to his village.
 - b. Prashant used a long stick to locate the road, to determine where the water was most shallow.
 - c. Prashant was relieved when he found two friends of his uncle who were returning to their village.
 - d. Prashant met the friend of his uncle on his journey.
2.
 - a. They witnessed the scenes of human and animal carcasses floating over the water. It was very scary.
 - b. They had to push away the human bodies, carcasses of dogs, goats and cattle.
 - c. Prashant wept when he saw the destruction done to his village and when he was not able to find his family members.
 - d. Prashant was sure that his family members could not have survived because he was hopeless to see the destruction all around and he could only see the carcasses around.
3. When Prashant reached his village, kalikuda, his heart went cold because there were only remnants of his house. Then Prashant decided to go to the Red Cross society. He met his maternal grandmother then his brother, sister, uncles and aunts.
4. After meeting his family, Prashant sensed a deathly grief settling upon the crowd in the shelter. Eighty six lives were lost and ninety six houses had been washed away. People were starving and deprived of everything.
5. Prashant and others wanted to communicate with the helicopters because the military helicopters flew over the shelter, dropped some food and never returned.
6. Prashant found that a large number of children had been orphaned. He brought them together and put up a polythene sheet shelter for them. He then mobilised women to look after them, while the men secured food and materials for shelter.
7. It was six months after the devastation of the super cyclone that Prashant's wounded spirit had healed simply because he had no time to bother about his own pain. He was

completely involved in the social work.

8. Prashant and his friend's family spent the night in cold terror because the storm was growing worse and trees crashed and got uprooted and fell on their house, in the middle of the night. It damaged the roofs and walls of the house which made them worried throughout the night.
9. Prashant being a small boy played a very big role in the lives of the orphaned children and the widows. He himself was grief-stricken decided to abolish the pain of the victims who were affected by a strong super cyclone. Prashant had lost his mother and he knew the pain of separation, so he decided to help the victims. He started from his friend's place although there still danger prevailing. He took a long stick and started his journey of search. Finally he met his family members in the Red Cross society. He also worked for the orphans and the widows. He put them under the shelter and even started an NGO for them. He collected courage and hope and made the people work together for each other. He became a social worker and worked very efficiently for them. Gradually, he had healed his wounded spirits because he was too engrossed in the social work that he could feel his own pain.
10. Prashant had saved the orphans and the widows very efficiently. He put up a polythene shelter for the orphans and put them together under it. Then he mobilised the women for the care of these orphaned children. Prashant was like a life saver for them. He organised a youth club and started an NGO for the children. He knew that their life was badly affected, so he made some efforts to improve their lives. In his NGO he organised various sports events for the children, in which he himself participated. He gave his full to heal their souls and he grouped them together as a family. Because of his efforts the people were able to survive that super cyclone and could revive their spirits. He became a volunteer and cleaned the carcasses and filth himself. Prashant was a blessing in disguise for the people of Orissa.