



INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

ENGLISH

Weathering the Storm in Ersama

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: IX ____

1. What havoc has the super cyclone wreaked in the life of the people of Orissa?

Ans: The super cyclone led to mass destruction. People lost their homes. Many people lost their lives too. Children lost their parents, women became widows and were rendered homeless. The people were left with nothing.

2. How has Prashant, a teenager, been able to help the people of his village?

Ans: Prashant helped the people in the following ways -

He formed a group of volunteers and got rice for the people.

- i. They cleaned the shelter and tended to the injured.
- ii. They sent messages to the passing helicopters demanding food and other necessities.
- iii. Prashant guided the widows to work in the food for work NGO.
- iv. He arranged sports events for the orphan children.
- v. Prashant and the volunteers set up foster families for them.

3. How have the people of the community helped one another? What role do the women of Kalikuda play during these days?

Ans: Under the leadership of Prashant, the people of the community came together and decided to help each other. They went to the local merchant and got his stock of rice. They cooked the rice on a fire burned with the branches from the trees and ate a meal after four days. They signalled the military helicopters for food and help. The widowed women looked after the orphaned children and the men arranged food and other necessities.

4. Why do Prashant and other volunteers resist the plan to set up institutions for orphans and widows? What alternatives do they consider?

Ans: Prashant and other volunteers resisted the plan to set up institutions for orphans and widows because they felt that isolation would increase their grief. They wanted to settle them in foster families of their own community where they would love and support each other.

5. Do you think Prashant is a good leader? Do you think young people can get together to help people during natural calamities?

Ans: Yes, Prashant is a good leader. He overcame his grief and took charge of the situation. Young people can get together to help others during any calamity. They can use their strength and energy to help others in times of need.