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Founder, MISSION GYAN**Chapter-6 | Weathering the Storm in Ersama****Worksheet-1****Multiple Choice Questions**

1. **Why had Prashant gone to Ersama?**  
(a) For shopping (b) To visit a friend  
(c) For a job interview (d) To attend a wedding
2. **What caused the destruction in the story?**  
(a) Earthquake (b) Tsunami  
(c) Cyclone (d) Fire
3. **What saved Prashant and his friend's family from starvation?**  
(a) Rice from the shelter (b) Government aid  
(c) Tender coconuts (d) Stored dry fruits
4. **How did Prashant reach his village after the cyclone?**  
(a) On a boat (b) By helicopter  
(c) On foot through flood waters (d) By car
5. **What was Prashant's village called?**  
(a) Kendrapara (b) Kalikuda  
(c) Ersama (d) Bhubaneswar
6. **What did Prashant do first after reaching the shelter?**  
(a) Sat alone and cried (b) Waited for help  
(c) Took leadership to manage food supply (d) Left for another village
7. **Why were the helicopters not returning initially?**  
(a) Bad weather (b) No proper signal  
(c) Lack of fuel (d) They were unaware of the shelter's needs
8. **How did Prashant's team communicate hunger to helicopters?**  
(a) Flags  
(b) Writing on the ground  
(c) Children lying with utensils on stomachs  
(d) SOS signals

**9. What did Prashant do for orphaned children?**

- (a) Sent them to an orphanage (b) Built them a shelter and arranged care  
(c) Sent them to a city (d) Ignored them

**10. What was Prashant's belief about resettlement?**

- (a) Children should be sent abroad.  
(b) Orphans and widows should live in institutions.  
(c) They should be cared for in the community.  
(d) They should live independently.

**Fill in the blanks :**

11. Prashant walked \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres through flood waters to reach his village.  
12. The cyclone lasted for about \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

**True / False**

13. Prashant's family had perished in the cyclone.  
14. Prashant was twenty years old during the cyclone..

**Very Short Type Questions**

15. What was the first thing Prashant did after the cyclone?  
16. How did the coconut trees help Prashant's friend's family?

**Short Type Questions**

17. Describe Prashant's journey back to his village.  
18. How did Prashant help restore normalcy in the village?

**Essay Type Questions**

19. What measures were taken to get the helicopter's attention?  
20. Describe how Prashant became a beacon of hope after the cyclone.

**HOTS**

- 21 **Assertion (A)** : Prashant became a leader of the cyclone shelter.

**Reason (R)** : He was the only one who had food supplies from before the cyclone.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.  
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.  
(c) A is true, but R is false. (d) A is false, but R is true.

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Answer & Solution



1. (b)  
He had gone to the block headquarters to spend the day with a friend.
2. (c)  
The super cyclone of October 1999 caused widespread devastation.
3. (c)  
Two fallen coconut trees provided coconuts which kept them alive.
4. (c)  
He walked 18 km through waist-deep water, using a stick.
5. (b)  
Prashant's village is Kalikuda.
6. (c)  
He took charge and organized food and cleanliness drives.
7. (d)  
The survivors had to signal their hunger for regular help to resume.
8. (c)  
Children lay down with utensils to show hunger.
9. (b)  
He created a polythene shelter and involved women to care for them.
10. (c)  
He opposed institutions and supported care within the community.
11. 18
12. 36
13. False
14. False
15. He decided to check on his family in Kalikuda.
16. They provided food in the form of tender coconuts.
17. He walked 18 km through waist-deep flood waters, using a stick to find the road, sometimes swimming, and witnessed many dead bodies and destruction.
18. He organized food supplies, sanitation, care for the wounded, and motivated women and children to take part in recovery activities.
19. Children lay on the sand with utensils on their stomachs to signal their hunger to helicopters flying overhead.
20. Despite his own trauma, Prashant showed immense leadership by mobilizing the youth and elders to organize food and sanitation. He took care of orphans and widows, helped resist government plans to institutionalize them, and promoted healing through community support and engagement. His selfless actions brought hope to many.
21. (c)  
Prashant became a leader because of his initiative and leadership, not because he had food. He actually worked to get food for others.