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CLASS - IX

ENGLISH

MOMENTS

CHAPTER - 3

WEATHERING THE STORM IN ERSAMA

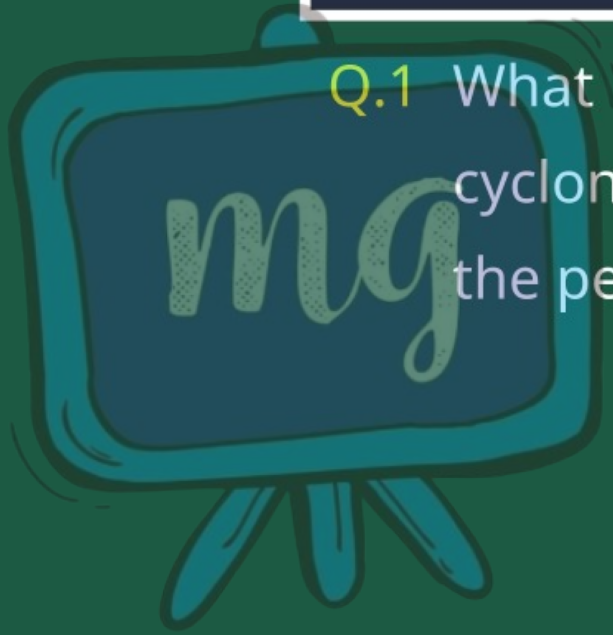
Part – 3
Comprehension

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THINK ABOUT IT



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

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THINK ABOUT IT

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

Answer: It was a devastating storm which washed the houses away and destroyed hundreds of villages. It killed thousands of people and uprooted a large number of trees.

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There were dead bodies all around. People became homeless and many children who had lost their parents became orphans and women became widows. This crazed destruction continued for thirty-six hours. The condition seemed grim after the super cyclone.

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



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

Answer: On reaching his village, Prashant found deplorable conditions all around him. He had leadership qualities so he took the initiative to rehabilitate people. He made a team of young volunteers and cleaned urine, filth, vomit and floating carcasses.

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His team was fully dedicated to serve others. He persuaded grief-stricken women to look after children. In this way he became a ray of hope for all.



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



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

Answer: Prashant took the initiative and mobilised everyone to help one another. In this time of distress the people of the community joined hands together and started relief work.

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Women of Kalikuda started working in the food-for-work programme by an NGO and looked after the orphaned children.



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



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

Answer: Prashant and other volunteers resisted the plan as they felt that it would not be proper to set up separate institutions for orphans and widows.

The group of volunteers was of the opinion that in these institutions children would not be able to get love and widow would suffer from stigma, loneliness, and isolation. The group decided to rehabilitate them in their own community. New families were made and the childless widows took care of the orphan.