

A FLOOD



Last December, it rained almost every day. At the same time, it was also high tide. The Tutong River burst its banks and soon the water flooded Kampong Lubok Damit. It was that night when things went wrong. The flood was indeed terrible and it was the worst in the history of the village.

Earlier that evening Hasnan had gone to the tyre shop to buy an inner tube. While ¹he was walking home, he was shocked to see the water rushing towards him from all sides. It came in big waves and nearly **drowned** him. Fortunately, Hasnan was a good swimmer.

The water **rose** higher and higher. Soon, he could only see the roofs of houses. Hasnan heard some cries for help. He looked around and saw four boys on a roof. "Come down at once!" he shouted. "Go to the tyre shop because ²it's on higher ground!"

³"We can't swim!" they shouted back. Hasnan swam up to them. He told them one by one to safety with the help of the inner tube that he had got from the tyre shop.

However, Hasnan's **task** was only just beginning. He fought his way around in the muddy water from midnight until eight o'clock the next night. Altogether, the brave man **saved** twenty lives in twenty hours. He was very tired and fell asleep on his tube.

Meanwhile, Hasnan's mother was very **worried**. She thought that her son was dead. ⁴She wept with relief when he came home looking tired, dirty and wet. When his mother learnt of his deeds, she was very proud of ⁵him and rightly so because Hasnan was a hero!

Questions 1-5

Look at the words that are numbered in the passage. What does each word refer to? Write the answers in the spaces provided.

Eg : Tutong River burst **its** banks and soon the water flooded Kampong Lubok Damit,

its - Tutong River

1. ¹**He** - _____
2. ²**it's** - _____
3. ³**We** - _____
4. ⁴**She** - _____
5. ⁵**him** - _____

(5 marks)

Questions 6 -10

Underline the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the passage.

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| 6. 'drowned' | means | a. died in the water
b. floated
c. swam
d. washed |
| 7. 'rose' | means | a. went away
b. went down
c. went home
d. went up |
| 8. 'task' | means | a. game
b. hobby
c. job
d. journey |
| 9. 'saved' | means | a. killed
b. pulled
c. rescued
d. wished |
| 10. 'worried' | means | a. anxious
b. happy
c. pity
d. sad |

(5 marks)

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

11. Where did the flood happen?

12. Why did Hasnan go to the tyre shop?

13. Who cried out for help?

14. How many lives did Hasnan save?

15. How did his mother feel when Hasnan came home?

(5 marks)