

Read the following passage and choose the correct answer from a,b,or c:

Extreme Weather

I thought I knew about extreme weather, but that was before I experienced a hurricane. I had recently moved to a town on the coast. It was such a beautiful location, and the people were really welcoming. Now, I wish I had listened to my neighbour who told me to prepare for the hurricane season.

All the houses have a basement, and I was advised to make this underground room into a safe place which could be used during a severe storm. My basement was full of old electronic equipment including computers and keyboards and, provided that bad weather didn't hit the region during the next few weeks, I knew I had time to make it ready to use. That was in July and the hurricane season is typically in late August or early September.

A few days later, I was travelling back home when I noticed the sky behind me was very dark, with black clouds that were full of rain. Suddenly, the wind speed increased and, just as I arrived home, it started to rain. Within twenty minutes, the wind was so strong it felt like the house was shaking. The rainfall also increased, and the street started to look like a river. I quickly ran down the stairs into the basement.

As the hurricane became even stronger, I could hear the sound of a window breaking in the room above. Then, there was an extremely loud noise and I guessed that the large tree near the garden wall had fallen down. I was scared that water would rush into the basement and trap me without anything to eat or drink. I spent three hours in that dark cellar, but the worst part was I had nowhere to sit except on the cold floor.

1. The room under the house was used to -----
 - a. Hiding place
 - b. Storage area
 - c. Computer lab

2. What did the writer notice first about the changing weather?
 - a. The rainfall
 - b. The wind
 - c. The sky

3. The powerful storm made the -----
 - a. river expand
 - b. house appear to move
 - c. writer run straight home

4. What did the writer hear?
 - a. A wall falling down
 - b. Glass breaking
 - c. Flowing water

5. The terrible experience was made worse by -----
 - a. Sitting on the ground
 - b. Being in the dark
 - c. Having no food

6. What is the main message from this story?
 - a. Listen to neighbour's advice

- b. Hurricanes are very rare events.
- c. It's too dangerous to live near the sea.