

SECTION A (PSR 2019)

Read the passage carefully.

THE FLOOD



It was raining heavily on 27th March 2017. ¹I was at school teaching Year 5 students. The whole village was flooded and it was one of the worst I had ever seen. It started raining a little then it got heavier, thunder started rumbling and the black clouds rolling in.

The bell rang and everyone pushed and **shoved** to get down the stairs. The stairs were wet and slippery. Irfan, one of the top students in my class, fell down the stairs. Everyone rushed out of the classroom to save themselves.

All students had to be **evacuated** but I stayed behind to make sure ²**they** are all safe. I had this feeling that someone was trapped somewhere in the building. I raced back up the stairs and to my **astonishment**, a poor boy was trapped under a fallen **beam**. I tried to save ³**him**, but I just could not do anything. Suddenly, I saw a rope floating on the water and immediately, I grabbed it and threw ⁴**it** to the victim.

“Catch the rope!!! Quick!!!” I said to him **tensely**. The poor boy took the rope and I pulled it towards me. Both of us swam to the exit door. Luckily, the rescuers came and brought us out from the flood. ⁵**We** survived and felt relieved for being rescued from the flood. We thanked the rescuers for saving our lives.

Now, it's been almost two years since it happened. However, it still brings back sad memories. My whole class was staring at me. I was in tears, thinking what happened during the flood.

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 : **Everyone** rushed out of the classroom to save themselves.

Everyone - the students

1. ¹**I** - _____

2. ²**they** - _____

3. ³**him** - _____

4. ⁴**it** - _____

5. ⁵**We** - _____

(5 marks)

Questions 6 -10

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

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| 6. 'shoved' | means | a. to jump
b. to push
c. to run
d. to walk |
| 7. 'evacuated' | means | a. move away
b. move in
c. move out
d. move over |
| 8. 'astonishment' | means | a. angry
b. frighten
c. surprise
d. worried |
| 9. 'beam' | means | a. a long piece of cloth
b. a long piece of paper
c. a long piece of plastic
d. a long piece of wood |
| 10. 'tensely' | means | a. anxiously
b. furiously
c. happily
d. sadly |

(5 marks)

Questions 11-15

Answer the questions in complete sentences.
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11. Where was the writer when the flood happened?

12. When did the flood happen?

13. Why did the writer stay behind?

14. How did the writer and the poor boy free themselves from the flood?

15. Why do you think the writer was in tears every time he remembered about the flood?

(5 marks)

TOTAL MARKS	
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