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Worksheet No: 6	Topic: The Tsunami QUESTION BANK	Note: English Notebook

❖ Word bank:

- ✓ **recede:** move back from where it was
- ✓ **traumatised:** greatly shocked and distressed
- ✓ **resort:** a place where people go on holiday
- ✓ **triggered:** caused (describes a sudden, violent reaction here, an undersea earthquake caused the tsunami)
- ✓ **hysterical:** when you are hysterical, you shout, laugh or cry in a wild excited way, without any control over yourself
- ✓ **refuge:** shelter or protection from danger
- ✓ **withstood:** endured without collapsing
- ✓ **surge:** force; momentum



I. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN SHORT.

Q1: What is a Tsunami? When did it hit so many countries and sea coasts?

Answer: A tsunami is a very large and powerful wave. It is caused by earthquakes under the sea. The deadly tsunami hit Thailand, India and the Andaman Islands on 26 December, 2004.

Q2: Do animals get foreknowledge of the tsunami coming?

Answer: Yes, it is true that animals sense the coming disaster earlier than human beings. It became evident in 2004. The tsunami killed more than 1,50,000 people in a dozen countries. But very few animals were reported dead. Buffaloes, goats and dogs remained unharmed. So did elephants and leopards. They ran away to higher places to save their lives.

Q3: Who was Ignesium? Why did he put his television down on the ground from table?

Answer: Ignesium was the manager of a cooperative society in Katchall. When his wife told him about an earthquake, he immediately took his television set off its table and put it down on the ground so that it would not fall and break.

Q4: How did Sanjeev lose his life?

Answer: When Sanjeev heard cries for help from the wife of John, the guest house cook, he immediately jumped into the water to rescue her. But unfortunately, they were both swept away by the powerful waves.

Q5: What is the view of some experts about the animals?

Answer: Some experts believe that animals have an acute hearing ability which helps them to hear or feel the earth's vibration. They can sense an approaching disaster long before humans realise what's going on.

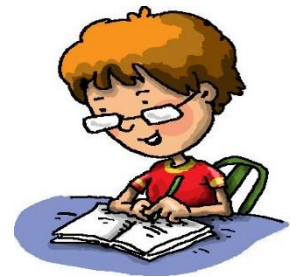
Q6: How are Meghna and Almas's stories similar?

Answer: Meghna and Almas—both were lucky. Meghna was carried away with her parents and other people. But she alone survived. She was washed ashore by a wave. Almas climbed on to a log of wood. When she opened her eyes, she found herself in a hospital in Kamorta.

II. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN DETAIL.

Q1: Give a brief account of how the animals saved themselves when the giant waves hit India and Sri Lanka.

Answer: Before the great waves moved towards the coast in India and Sri Lanka, the wild and domestic animals foresaw the danger. Elephants ran for higher ground. Dogs refused to go outdoors. Zoo animals rushed into their shelters. This was perhaps because the animals possess a sixth sense, which is very sharp and work as warning during disasters. So not many animals lost their lives in 2004 Tsunami while thousands of people were washed away.



Q2: What happened to Almas and her family?

Answer: When the tremors came early in the morning, Almas and her family were sleeping. Suddenly, Almas's father saw the sea water recede. He understood that the water would come rushing back with great force. He woke everyone up and tried to rush them to a safer place. As they ran, her grandfather was hit on the head by something and fell down. Her father rushed to help him. But soon a giant wave came and swept both of them away. Her mother and aunts too were washed away by the mighty waves. Almas was somehow saved. But she became the victim of trauma.



WEB RESOURCES:

https://youtu.be/dWV-kREgQ_0

❖ **EXTRA PRACTICE**



I. State whether the following are true or false.

1. Ignacious lost his wife, two children, his father-in-law, and his brother-in-law in the tsunami. **True**
2. Sanjeev made it to safety after the tsunami. **False**
3. Meghna was saved by a relief helicopter. **False**
4. Almas's father realised that a tsunami was going to hit the island. **True**
5. Her mother and aunts were washed away with the tree that they were holding on to. **True**

II. Comprehension Check Questions.

1. Why did Tilly's family come to Thailand?
2. What were the warning signs that both Tilly and her mother saw?
3. Do you think Tilly's mother was alarmed by them?
4. Where had Tilly seen the sea behaving in the same strange fashion?
5. Where did the Smith family and the others on the beach go to escape; from the tsunami?
6. How do you think her geography teacher felt when he heard about what Tilly had done in Phuket?

Answers.

1. Tilly's family had come to Thailand to celebrate Christmas.
2. Both saw the sea rise and it started to foam and form whirlpools.
3. No, Tilly's mother was not alarmed by them.
4. Tilly had seen the strange sea behaviour in a video.
5. They went to the third floor of the hotel and were saved.
6. She felt very pleased and satisfied.

Comprehension Check (Page 30)

1. In the Tsunami 150,000 people died. How many animals died?
2. How many people and animals died in Yala National Park?
3. What do people say about the elephants of Yala National Park?
4. What did the dogs in Galle do?

Answers:

1. Very few animals died.
2. Sixty visitors and two animals.
3. People say that the elephants ran from the beach an hour before the Tsunami hit the coast.
4. The dogs in Galle refused to go to the beach for their daily exercise.
