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# Comprehension Test for IBPS Clerk Pre, SBI Clerk Pre and IBPS RRB Exams.

## Passage No. 123

**Directions:** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given beside.

A powerful cyclonic storm named Fani (pronounced Foni) is headed towards the Odisha coast, with its landfall forecast near Puri Friday. Expected to **generate** storms with wind speeds as high as 200 km per hour, it has the potential to cause widespread damage in Odisha and neighbouring states. The last time such a powerful cyclonic storm had emerged in the Bay of Bengal at this time of the year, in 2008, it had killed more than 1.25 lakh people in Myanmar. But that was mainly because of the lack of a sophisticated warning system and enough logistical preparedness to evacuate people.

Fani, on the other hand, has been continuously monitored ever since it developed in the southeast of Sri Lanka about a week ago, warnings have been issued after every few hours to fishermen and people living in coastal regions, and a massive emergency **preparedness** has been mounted. In the last few years, India has impressively managed disasters caused by cyclones, most remarkably during Cyclone Phailin of 2013, which was even stronger than the approaching Fani.

The eastern coast of India is no stranger to cyclones. On an average, five to six significant cyclonic storms emerge in the Bay of Bengal region every year. The months of April and May just before the start of the monsoon, and then October to December immediately after the end of the monsoon, are the prime seasons for tropical cyclones.

### Questions:

1. Which of the following is true with respect to the passage?

- I. Phailin was weaker than Fani.
- II. The disaster management failed to managed cyclones like Phailin.
- III. Fani has been continuously monitored since its beginning.

- A. Only I and II      B. Only II      C. Only III      D. Only II and III  
E. All are false

2. Which of the following places is the origin point of cyclonic storm Fani?

- A. Odisha      B. India      C. Myanmar      D. Sri Lanka  
E. None of these

3. Which of the following places is termed as the birth place of most of the cyclonic storms?

- A. Gulf of Mannar      B. Bay of Bengal      C. Pacific Ocean      D. Antarctic Ocean  
E. Coastal States of India

4. Why number of casualties was higher in the cyclone that hit Myanmar in 2008?

- I. Lack of Warnings issued to the people living in the affected areas.
- II. Lack of preparedness to handle the cyclone.
- III. Lack of information about the cyclone.

- A. Only I and II
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Only II and III
- E. None of these

5. What are safety measures taken before arrival of Fani?

- I. Continuous Monitoring of the cyclone is done.
- II. Warnings to the affected people have been issued.
- III. Research has been done to stop the cyclone.

- A. Only I and II
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Only II and III
- E. None of these

6. Which of the following gives a synonym of “preparedness”?

- A. readiness
- B. negligence
- C. rigidity
- D. vigilance
- E. None of these

7. Which of the following gives an opposite meaning of 'generate' in the context of the passage?

- A. produce
- B. spawn
- C. halt
- D. conjure
- E. kindle

**Correct Answers:**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
C	D	B	A	A	A	C

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## Explanations:

### 1. Refer:

In the last few years, India has impressively managed disasters caused by cyclones, most remarkably during Cyclone Phailin of 2013, which was even stronger than the approaching Fani.

Thus statement I and II are false.

### Refer:

Fani, on the other hand, has been continuously monitored ever since it developed...

Thus statement III is true.

Hence option C is correct.

### 2. Refer:

Fani, on the other hand, has been continuously monitored ever since it developed in the southeast of Sri Lanka about a week ago,...

Hence option D is correct.

### 3. Refer:

On an average, five to six significant cyclonic storms emerge in the Bay of Bengal region every year.

Clearly option B is correct.

### 4. Refer:

The last time such a powerful cyclonic storm had emerged in the Bay of Bengal at this time of the year, in 2008, it had killed more than 1.25 lakh people in Myanmar. But that was mainly because of the lack of a sophisticated warning system and enough logistical preparedness to evacuate people.

Clearly, statements I and II form the reasons behind the number of casualties.

Hence option A is correct.

**5. Refer:**

Fani, on the other hand, has been continuously monitored ever since it developed in the southeast of Sri Lanka about a week ago, warnings have been issued after every few hours to fishermen and people living in coastal regions, and a massive emergency preparedness has been mounted.

Therefore only statement I and II both are correct.

Hence option A is correct.

**6.** Preparedness means to be ready for something.

Thus the only viable option is option A - "readiness".

Vigilance means being careful about something, which does not mean to be prepared for something. Thus this will not be treated as synonym of preparedness.

Hence option A is correct.

**7.** Generate means to develop or to produce.

Thus only "halt" which means 'to bring or come to an abrupt stop' is the word that is opposite in meaning to the word 'generate' in the context of the passage.

Hence option C is correct.

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