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Reading Comprehension Questions for CLAT Exam.

Passage for CLAT Set 5

Direction: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Exactly one year ago, in May 2019, we in Kolkata were preparing for Cyclone Fani. I was in conversation with Ruskin Bond for an event in Kolkata. He was supposed to fly back to Dehradun the next day, but we cancelled his return ticket in anticipation of the cyclone. I stayed with him and his adopted grandson, Rakesh, in their hotel suite the whole day, bracing for a storm that never came. The weather gods had wreaked **havoc** on Kolkata. Bond didn't spare me, though, teasing me relentlessly for being an "overprotective mother hen" who wouldn't let him go home!

By 5 p.m. on Wednesday, as the wind picked up and the rain pelted down, I began to wish I had stocked up on more candles. Outside, it felt like an evil djinn of ginormous proportions was throwing itself at our homes repeatedly, relentlessly, trying to force its way in to destroy everything we held dear. I spent the next hour running around the flat shutting windows against the wind and rain—it felt like a losing game of tag with the howling monster. You secure the bedroom and it attacks the living room; you shut the pesky bathroom window and fasten it with a travelling lock, and it targets the openings through the blades of the exhaust fan, streaming in water and leaves and debris.

The storm passed four hours after it started. The calm that suddenly descended was unnerving. Power was restored in my flat later that night, and other than some rainwater and filth, I had escaped the worst of it. Over the next two days, we learnt that the cyclone had uprooted over 4,500 trees in Kolkata alone, and felled 2,500 electric poles, snapped phone and internet lines and destroyed old buildings. And the scenes of devastation I witnessed across Kolkata when a colleague and I drove down to our office on Thursday to check for damage broke my heart. We couldn't get through to many of our loved ones, and worried ourselves sick through Wednesday night, especially for our elderly relatives and those who live alone.

Across Bengal, 80 people have died in the storm—of them 19 in Kolkata alone. I cannot imagine if those of us who live in secure pucca houses were so rattled, what has become of those far less fortunate. The images flashing across social media give us a sense of just how damaged we are. The coronavirus robbed us of everything and confined us to our homes. We adapted. But the cyclone robbed us of even that last bit of luxury—the luxury of sharing our grief.



1. According to the author how were the consequences of corona dissimilar to that of the cyclone?

- A. Corona had destroyed the economy and caused recession at the global level whereas cyclone had caused physical damage.
- B. Corona had compelled them to stay home still did not destroy the contact between people but the cyclone had destroyed properties and they were not able to make any communication.
- C. Corona had forced people to help each other but cyclone made them selfish.
- D. Corona had deprived them of everything but the cyclone caused huge devastation.

2. What was the reason due to which the author was teased by Ruskin Bond?

- A. The author wanted to have more candles in order to combat the darkness due to cyclone.
- B. The author ran all over the house making arrangements against the disaster caused by the cyclone.
- C. The author acted like a possessive mother as due to the disastrous cyclone the author did not let Ruskin Bond fly to Kolkata.
- D. The author did let Rakesh go out from their hotel suite the whole day.

3. Why does the author mention that the cyclone had robbed them of the luxury of sharing their grief?

- A. As they were not able to go out due the corona outbreak
- B. As the cyclone had destroyed many opulent things causing a great economic loss
- C. As the tress, electric poles, old buildings and houses of the less fortunate were destroyed.
- D. As all the modes of communication were destroyed and they were not able to contact any loved one.

4. What can be inferred by, 'an evil djinn of ginormous proportions was throwing itself at our homes repeatedly'?

- A. The author considers the cyclone to be a misfortune for the country.
- B. The author explains the cyclone as very vast calamity which is going to cause a lot of casualties.
- C. The author explains the cyclone to be bad as they couldn't contact their loved ones.
- D. The author considers cyclones to be more devastating than corona virus.

5. What does the word 'havoc' as used in the passage mean?

- A. Widespread destruction
- B. Systematic and peaceful.
- C. loud and impassioned
- D. reluctant acceptance

Correct Answers

1	2	3	4	5
B	C	D	B	A



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Explanations:

1. Option A and option C are totally irrelevant and therefore incorrect.

Now between option B and D, option B explains the difference between the results of corona and cyclone in a more relevant way as mentioned in the last paragraph than option D. As damage was caused due to both but miscommunication was the major aftermath of the cyclone.

Hence option B is the correct answer.

2. The author acted like a possessive mother as due to the disastrous cyclone the author did not let Ruskin Bond fly to Kolkata.

As it is clearly expressed in the first paragraph the Ruskin Bond was to fly to Kolkata and due to heavy cyclone his flight tickets were cancelled as the author did not want him to take risk of going out in the cyclone. Option A and option B are correct statements but irrelevant to the question asked. Option D is completely absurd.

Hence option C is the correct answer.



3. As all the modes of communication were destroyed and they were not able to contact any loved one.

From the last two paragraphs it can be clearly deduced that to what level was the cyclone causing devastation and due to which the snapping the internet and phone lines was caused. Unable to contact any loved ones or visit them, the author expresses that the cyclone had robbed them of the luxury of sharing grief.

Option A involves the mention of corona which is not asked in the question. Option B is absurd and option C mentions only the destruction caused due to the cyclone and not the reason why they were unable to share grief.

Hence option D is the correct answer.

4. The author explains the cyclone as very vast calamity which is going to cause a lot of casualties.

As according to the second paragraph where the author explains that the cyclone to be very huge which will hurt and destroy everything which is near and dear to them. Option A and option C is totally absurd. Option D on the other hand involves comparison of cyclone to corona which is irrelevant to the question asked.

Hence option B is the correct answer.

5. Widespread destruction

Since the author describes every calamity the cyclone has caused, the best suitable option is 'widespread destruction'. Option B and option D are totally contradicting the word asked in the question. While option C 'loud and impassioned' does not explain the meaning thoroughly.

Hence option A is the correct answer.



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