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Third Term English exam

Text : ***Solidarity In Natural Disasters***

During the past decade there has been a considerable increase in the number of natural disasters which have caused hardship and suffering in many countries. Disasters are not confined to particular regions, nor do **they** discriminate between developing and developed countries. For the past year alone, widespread floods in France, hangar, Italy, Switzerland, Algeria and Vietnam as well as devastating earthquakes in El Salvador and India have reminded us of the need to take global preventive measures against disasters.

During the 1990s, there was a ten per cent annual increase in economic loss due to disaster ... global warming is expected to increase the incidence of disasters such as storms, droughts and floods.

Although we continue to refer to these disasters as "natural", they are, to a large extent, man-made. Population growth , together with population movement and displacements to hazard prone areas ; the uncontrolled growth of megacities, the increasing emission of carbon dioxide and other green house gases ; deforestation and desertification ; erosion of agricultural land through poor irrigation practices ; the destruction of rangelands through overgrazing are all human factors **which** play a key role in the increase of natural disasters . Perhaps the most significant lesson we have learnt from the recurrence of disasters is that solidarity, close coordination and long-term commitment are necessary to promote a culture of disaster prevention.

Adapted from the internet , www.unisdr. Org.

A .Comprehension:

1. The passage is taken from:
   a. A book
   b. A website ✓
   c. A magazine
2. Are these statements "true" or "false"? Write "T" or "F" next to the sentence letter
   a. The number of natural disasters rose in the past ten years. false
   b. Natural disasters distinguish between developed and developing countries. false
   c. Some disasters cause economic losses. true
3. Answer the following questions according to the text
   a. What made people think of taking measures against disasters?
   b. Name three human actions which contribute to natural disasters.
   c. How can people prevent disasters?
4. What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to?
   a/they (&1) b/which(&3) Human factors
5. In which paragraph does the writer say that man contributes to make natural disasters. 3

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B .Text exploration:

1.Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to :

A period of ten years(§ 1)= During the past decade rise(§ 2)=..... ~~ris~~ important (§3)=.....

2. Complete the following chart:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
to organize	organization	Organized
To fulfill	fulfillment	fulfilled
to free	Freedom	.....

3.Rewrite sentence "b" so that it means the same as sentence "a" .

1.a. "I have witnessed a real disaster this time", the woman said.

1.b. The woman said he had .....

2.a. "Will you join our organization?", the man asked.

2.b. The man asked me would I joined my organization

3.a. You should help people after disasters.

3.b. You should been helped people

4.Supply punctuation and capital letters in the following sentence

the man said all people must contribute to help the poor the homeless old people and animals

5. Fill in the blanks with words from the list : save – take – disasters – two

disasters..... are parts of our life , we can divide them into two types: natural disasters and man-made disasters. We can't prevent natural disasters but we can take measures to protect ourselves and ...save... our lives.

6. Underline the silent letters in following words.

honesty - knees – cupboard - could

Part 02: Writing

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic 01: Use the guidelines below to tell the story of the earthquake of Boumerdes in 2003.

- Time : may 21st ,2003.
- Place : Boumerdes/ Northern Algeria / 60 km east of the capital Algiers .
- 6.8 Mw Earthquake .
- Damages and casualties : Dead 2266 / 1243 buildings destroyed/ 555 schools suffered light damages
- Rescue teams/several ambulances, police personnel and electrical workers into the affected area. Tents, ambulances and engineering equipment were brought by the army.
- The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement co-ordinated the relief efforts
- Medical and rescue teams were dispatched from European countries

Topic 02 : You witnessed a natural disaster (a storm , an earthquake , a drought ...) , tell its story in a few lines .

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