



THE TEXT

- ① At the heart of the devastation caused by the Indian Ocean tsunamis lies a failure to communicate scientific information adequately to either decision-makers or the community.
- For several years, fishermen in Nallavadu, a coastal village in eastern India, have benefited from a small telecommunications centre linked to the Internet. The main purpose of this facility has been to provide access to satellite data about the weather in the region. The Internet connection has already been credited with providing the fishermen with valuable information about anticipated storms that have saved several lives.
- ② But the warning that arrived on the morning of 26 December came by a different route. The son of one of the fishermen was in Singapore, watching a news item about the earthquake that had just occurred off the coast of Indonesia. Worried about the potential impact on his family of giant waves that were reported to be spreading across the Indian Ocean, he telephoned his sister in Nallavadu, who told him that water was already beginning to seep into their home.
- ③ He told her to leave immediately, and to urge others to do so. The villagers broke into the telecommunications center. Using the public alert system set up for weather forecasts, they told the 500 families in the village that they had to leave immediately. The result of the warning was that although 150 houses and 200 boats were destroyed, not one of more than 3,500 villagers lost their lives.
- ④ The incident is a small but powerful reminder of the vital role that modern communications technology can play in reducing the impact of natural disasters. Behind all this, however, is the large, evident truth that many thousands of lives could have been saved if adequate measures had been taken, even using existing detection and communications technology, to ensure that news of the impending tsunami was spread rapidly to those living in coastal regions around the Indian Ocean.

I – READING COMPREHENSION (14 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the most appropriate option. (2 marks)

a) The text is mainly about:

- an unfortunate failure of science communication technology
- effective planning of new early warning systems
- insufficient communication between rich and poor countries

b) The writer's purpose in this text is to:

- blame the victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami for their carelessness
- praise the authorities for their efficient handling of the disaster
- explain reasons for the large number of victims of the tsunami disaster

2. Focus on paragraph 1 and fill in the following table about the communications center. (4 marks)

The people it is meant for	Size	Specific feature	Expected use

3. Complete the following sentences with words from paragraph 2. (2 marks)

- a) The son of the fisherman telephoned his sister because he felt about his family's safety.
- b) his sister of the imminent danger was the main purpose of his telephone call.

4. Pick out details showing that the following statement is false. (1 mark)

Using the public alert system did not produce any positive results on the villagers. (paragraph 3)

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5. What do the words underlined in the text refer to? (2 marks)

- a) others (paragraph 3) refers to
- b) those (paragraph 4) refers to

6. Find in the text words or phrases meaning nearly the same as: (2 marks)

- a) entered a building by force (paragraph 3) =
b) about to happen, imminent (paragraph 4) =

7. What do you think of the way the villagers reacted to the danger they were facing? (1 mark)

I think that.....
because.....
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II– LANGUAGE (16 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with nine words / phrases from the box. (4.5 marks)

require – able – whose – take up – through – manufacturing – involves – get on – acquire – who – graduation
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What does preparing for a career mean? Well, it learning a variety of skills, such as being to accept supervision and knowing how to with others. Those skills are learned everyday experiences in school and in the community. Others specialized training. For most people, specialized career preparation begins in school. Business and vocational courses prepare students to an occupation immediately after These courses teach skills used in such fields as business, construction and Such schools also offer courses for students plan to go to university.

2. Circle the right alternative. (4 marks)

Bedrooms equipped with televisions, videos and computers are resulting in a generation of sleep-deprived children, a study has found. Youngsters playing games, watching TV and texting on mobile phones late into the night are [earning – losing – spending] up to a month's worth of sleep a year. They go to school the next day feeling [relaxed – irritable – confident] and drowsy, [that – which – whose] affects their [present – performance – rehearsal] in class and in exams. Researchers found a [depth – excess – lack] of sleep was threatening the physical and mental health of up to one million [primary-age – aged-primary – age-primary] children. One in five [of – out – on] this age group have between two and five hours less sleep at night than their parents [realized – did – made] as children.

3. Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (4.5 marks)

Frightened children were saved from the tsunami by an elephant which had been brought to the beach to entertain them. The youngsters [put] on the animal's back by its [keep], enabling them [escape] unharmed as the raging waters [approach] the coast. And two British men [save] up to 50 people by [set] up a temporary hospital in their hotel room, it [emerge] yesterday. Andrew Kelly and Nick Ward [prepare] to leave Thailand when the massive wave [hit] the paradise resort on Sunday morning.

4. Match the sentence parts in Column A with the appropriate ones in Column B to get a coherent paragraph. The sentence parts in Column A are in the right order. Be careful, there is an extra sentence part in Column B. Write your answers in the boxes below. (3marks)

Column A	Column B
1. Some European governments passed laws requiring foreigners	a) public institutions.
2. The laws mean all immigrants from outside Europe will	b) "immigrants have only obligations and no rights."
3. They will also have to attend	c) be obliged to study the language of their new homeland and sit for exams.
4. The new laws are part of a trend across Europe for immigrants to be pressed to	d) dangers posed by hospital-acquired infections.
5. The courses will be given by	e) to learn the language or face being told to leave their new homeland.
6. The new laws have been criticized since	f) courses in history and culture.
	g) learn their host country's language and culture to encourage integration.

ANSWERS	1 + ...	2 + ...	3 + ...	4 + ...	5 + ...	6 + ...
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III– WRITING (10 marks)

1. There are six mistakes in the following paragraph. They have been underlined and numbered for you. Write the correction of each mistake in the space provided. (3 marks).

Children can get a lot of benefit from been¹ online, but they can be targets of crime and exploited². There are a few risk³ for children who use the internet. Teenagers are particular⁴ at risk because they often use the computer insupervised⁵ and because they are more likely than younger children to participate at⁶ online discussions.

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6.....

2. Elsie, an advice columnist, received the following letter. Read it then write Elsie's reply. (12 lines) (7 marks)

<p>Dear Elsie,</p> <p>My parents want me to study all the time: no outings, no friends and no entertainment until, they say, I finish my secondary education. I'd like to live like other teenagers. What can I do?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A helpless reader</p>

N.B: PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SIGN THE LETTER
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<p>Dear helpless reader,</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Elsie</p>
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