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Comprehension Test Questions for SBI Clerk Pre, IBPS Clerk Pre, LIC Assistant Pre and IBPS RRB Assistant Pre Exams.

Passage No. 160

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

Typhoon Hagibis proved to be extraordinarily devastating for northern Japan when it struck this weekend, unleashing more than three feet of rain in just 24 hours in some locations, causing widespread flash flooding as well as river flooding. The storm has killed at least 58, according to the Japanese public broadcaster NHK. In addition, high winds lashed Tokyo and Tokyo Bay, along with pounding surf and rain.

One reason the storm caused such severe impacts is that the inner core of the typhoon, with its heaviest rains and highest winds, remained intact as it swept across Tokyo and dumped heavy rains across northeastern Japan as well. According to reporting from The Washington Post's Simon Denyer, by Sunday, more than 20 rivers in central and northeastern Japan had burst their banks, flooding more than 1,000 homes in cities, towns and villages.

Numerous levees failed, and at one point, the government advised nearly 8 million people to evacuate, Denyer reported. Severe flooding occurred in Nagano, Japan, the site of the 1998 Winter Olympics, where waters from the overflowing Chikuma River damaged a fleet of high-speed bullet trains that had been parked in a maintenance rail depot.

Japan typically sees impacts from between five and six typhoons per year, though not all of these make direct **landfall**. Even among these, however, Typhoon Hagibis stands out for its track and the amount of rainfall it delivered to highly populated areas in a short period.

Frequently, typhoons affect the southwestern reaches of Japan first, and weaken to windswept rainstorms by the time they hit Tokyo. However, Typhoon Hagibis didn't travel over land for a long distance, and therefore was more damaging.

Instead, the eye of the storm came ashore close to 7 p.m. local time on Saturday on the Izu Peninsula, about 80 miles southwest of Tokyo. This track enabled Typhoon Hagibis to continue to tap into energy from the oceans and weaken at a slower rate than other storms do when they hit Japan.

In addition, the storm had begun to interact with the high winds at upper levels of the atmosphere known as the jet stream, which expanded the reach of its heavy rains and broadened its wind field.

The storm made **landfall** Saturday as it made a turn from moving north-northwestward to the northeast. It then crossed directly over the capital city of 9.3 million and swirled northward, with 8.23 inches of rain falling in Tokyo itself and more than three feet in higher elevations to the west of the city. Sustained winds at hurricane force affected downtown Tokyo, with a gust to 98 mph recorded at Haneda Airport.

Questions :

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

- A. Typhoon Hagibis travelled over land for a long distance, and therefore caused severe damage.
- B. More than 1000 homes were flooded due to the cyclone.
- C. Chikuma is the name of a Japanese public broadcaster.
- D. Typhoon did not cause much damage to Northern Japan.
- E. All the statements are true.

2. Which of the following statements is/are not true with respect to the passage?

- A. The Japanese government advised about 8 million people to evacuate.
- B. The storm killed at least 58 according to a Japanese public broadcaster.
- C. By Sunday, more than 20 rivers in Japan had burst their banks.
- D. Severe flooding occurred in Nagano, Japan, the site of the 1999 Winter Olympics.
- E. All the statements are false.

3. Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the word given below. If none of the options conveys the correct meaning, mark (E) as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

Landfall

- A. Heavy destruction
- B. Hailstorm
- C. Unexpected gain
- D. Arrival at land on a sea or air journey
- E. None of the above

4. As per the passage, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- I. Typhoons seldom affect the southwestern parts of Japan.
- II. Typhoon Hagibis led to three feet of rain in just 48 hours.
- III. Wind speeds went upto 98 mph as recorded at Haneda Airport.

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

5. As per the passage, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- I. Typhoon Hagibis weakened at a slower rate as it continued to tap into the energy from oceans.
- II. The typhoon reached Japan on Saturday.
- III. Japanese PM, Shinzo Abe, addressed the people of Japan and asked them to stay strong.

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

6. As per the passage, which of the following things were destroyed in the typhoon?

- A. a fleet of bullet trains B. a fleet of Navy ships C. hundreds of army helicopters
D. 1000 school buildings E. None of the above

7. Which of the following statements is/are not true with respect to the passage?

- I. Japan is impacted by 5-6 typhoons every year.
II. Jet streams of upper levels of atmosphere interacted with the typhoon and made the storm more dangerous.
III. Typhoon Hagibis mostly affected sparsely populated areas of Japan.

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



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Correct Answers :

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B	D	D	C	D	A	C



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Explanations:

1. Refer to:

However, Typhoon Hagibis **didn't travel over land for a long distance**, and therefore was more damaging.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement given in option A is incorrect.

Refer to:

According to reporting from The Washington Post's Simon Denyer, by Sunday, more than 20 rivers in central and northeastern Japan had burst their banks, **flooding more than 1,000 homes** in cities, towns and villages.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement given in option B is correct.

Refer to:

Severe flooding occurred in Nagano, Japan, the site of the 1998 Winter Olympics, where waters from the **overflowing Chikuma River** damaged a fleet of high-speed bullet trains that had been parked in a maintenance rail depot.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement given in option C is incorrect.

Refer to:

Typhoon Hagibis proved to be extraordinarily devastating for northern Japan when it struck this weekend, unleashing more than three feet of rain in just 24 hours in some locations, causing widespread flash flooding as well as river flooding.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement given in option D is incorrect.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.



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2. Refer to:

Numerous levees failed, and at one point, **the government advised nearly 8 million people to evacuate**, Denyer reported.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement given in option A is correct.

Refer to:

The storm has killed at least 58, according to the Japanese public broadcaster NHK.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement given in option B is correct.

Refer to:

According to reporting from The Washington Post's Simon Denyer, **by Sunday, more than 20 rivers in central and northeastern Japan had burst their banks**, flooding more than 1,000 homes in cities, towns and villages.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement given in option C is correct.

Refer to:

Severe flooding occurred in Nagano, Japan, the site of the 1998 Winter Olympics, where waters from the overflowing Chikuma River damaged a fleet of high-speed bullet trains that had been parked in a maintenance rail depot.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement given in option D is incorrect.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

3. "Landfall" means= 'Arrival at land on a sea or air journey'

Refer to:

Japan typically sees impacts from between **five and six typhoons per year, though not all of these make direct landfall.**

The storm made landfall Saturday as it made a turn from moving north-northwestward to the northeast.

The highlighted parts above also confirm that 'landfall' means 'arrival at land on a sea or air journey'.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

4. Refer to:

Frequently, typhoons affect the southwestern reaches of Japan first, and weaken to windswept rainstorms by the time they hit Tokyo. However, Typhoon Hagibis didn't travel over land for a long distance, and therefore was more damaging.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement I is incorrect.

Refer to:

Typhoon Hagibis proved to be extraordinarily devastating for northern Japan when it struck this weekend, unleashing more than **three feet of rain in just 24 hours** in some locations, causing widespread flash flooding as well as river flooding.

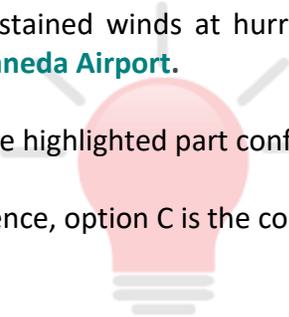
The highlighted part confirms that the statement II is incorrect.

Refer to:

Sustained winds at hurricane force affected downtown Tokyo, **with a gust to 98 mph recorded at Haneda Airport.**

The highlighted part confirms that the statement III is correct.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.



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5. Refer to:

This track enabled Typhoon Hagibis to continue to **tap into energy from the oceans and weaken at a slower rate** than other storms do when they hit Japan.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement I is correct.

Refer to:

The storm made landfall Saturday as it made a turn from moving north-northwestward to the northeast.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement II is correct.

There is no mention of the Japanese PM, Shinzo Abe in the passage.

So, the statement III is not true.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

6. Refer to:

Severe flooding occurred in Nagano, Japan, the site of the 1998 Winter Olympics, where waters from the overflowing Chikuma River **damaged a fleet of high-speed bullet trains** that had been parked in a maintenance rail depot.

The highlighted part confirms that 'a fleet of bullet trains' were destroyed in the typhoon.

All the other things contained in the other options are not mentioned in the passage.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

7. Refer to:

Japan typically sees impacts from between five and six typhoons per year, though not all of these make direct landfall.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement I is true.

Refer to:

In addition, **the storm had begun to interact with the high winds at upper levels of the atmosphere known as the jet stream, which expanded the reach of its heavy rains and broadened its wind field.**

The highlighted part confirms that the statement II is true.

Refer to:

Even among these, however, Typhoon Hagibis stands out for its track and the amount of rainfall it delivered to **highly populated areas** in a short period.

The highlighted part confirms that the statement III is not true.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.



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