



CLASS IX
DISASTER MANAGEMENT
UNIT V
CHAPTER 5
COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER MANAGEMENT

SOLUTIONS

EXERCISES

- Q1. Prepare a school disaster management plan for various hazards like fire, earthquake, floods and cyclones. The class teacher can divide students into groups and help in preparing the disaster management plan.**

Ans:- The school disaster management plan can be prepared along the following lines:

- (i) To study school building and its surroundings to find out whether it is safe or not,
- (ii) To find out whether the fire extinguishers are properly working and filled at least once every year,
- (iii) To examine whether there are heavy shelves that may fall down during an earthquake,
- (iv) To find out whether the ambulance or fire brigade can reach the school premises easily or not ,
- (v) To see whether the school is near a river and can be flooded easily or not,
- (vi) To examine whether the school has strong and high walls or trees to mitigate the effect of a cyclonic storm.

- Q2. What can you do as a student towards the community for disaster management?**

Ans:- Student can facilitate planning for community disaster risk reduction schemes. They can run the school Disaster Management Committee and impart practical training to the community about disaster risk reduction skills through the Committee. Students can become trained community members in the matter of disaster management and they should always remember that without their education and involvement, no disaster management plan cloud be competed.



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EXTRA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1. What is the aim of community planning for disaster management?

Ans:- The aim of community planning for disaster management is to reduce the vulnerabilities and increase the capacities of the individuals and the community to cope with the damaging effects of disasters.

Q2. How can community disaster management develop local coping mechanisms?

Ans:- Since disasters are recurrent, there is always a traditionally established coping mechanism that is handed down over the generation. This would be the most immediate response measure for the local environment.

Q3. What is the stand of the Government of India about community planning for disaster management?

Ans:- The Government of India strongly advocates the building of community capacities in various aspects of disaster management.

Q4. Why do different communities share some commonality?

Ans:- It is because they might be living in the same environment exposed to hazards and having been affected by a disaster.

Q5. State five reasons as to why the community should be at the head of any disaster management plan?

Ans:- The reasons are :

- (i) The community is the first responder, since it is at the site of the disaster,
- (ii) It is the source of maximum information for the people living there,
- (iii) The community can provide the local coping mechanisms,
- (iv) It proves that self-help is in self-interest because dependence on external help may be time-consuming and even less effective,
- (v) Community involvement helps in creating a less vulnerable community.
