



Subject: Grade 7 English
Topic: Comprehension: Living through a tornado
Total: 30 Marks

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Living dangerously through a monstrous tornado

An eye witness account

As the sky grew darker and the winds reached furious levels, my family and I huddled in our small laundry room, watching a local television station on my laptop broadcasting visuals of the tornado bearing down on us. By way of a camera on top of the county courthouse, we saw the massive twister cut a path of destruction through the middle of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA. As I held our dog Bama and my wife Amy grabbed our 16-month-old son, John Harper, we could tell that the tornado was bearing down on us. Then the power went off and the Internet feed was gone. We could only hold on, listen and pray.

Our home and our lives were spared, but many in Tuscaloosa were not so lucky. Neighbours slowly filed outside their homes and saw downed tree branches and stumps and debris scattered in their yards. From our vantage point we could not immediately see the havoc that the twister had wreaked, but we quickly learned what had happened. The F5 tornado cut a long swath through the heart of Tuscaloosa County at least a half-mile wide on Wednesday afternoon, completely levelling buildings and tossing trees and power poles like toothpicks. As of 7 p.m. Thursday, officials had confirmed at least 36 deaths in Tuscaloosa and more than 600 injuries. Several other tornadoes tore through Alabama on Wednesday, killing at least 194 people in the state and leaving a million without power.

Question 1: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

A tornado cuts a (1) of destruction through a (2)-up area.

Possible Answers: road | path | build | built | pathe | root

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Question 2: True/False

2 marks

Describing a wind as 'furious' means that it is scary.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 3: True/False

2 marks

The narrator and his wife could see the tornado approaching through a window.

 TRUE FALSE**Question 4: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

To say that the wind was 'howling' is an example of

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| A | paradox |
| B | personification |
| C | onomatopoeia |
| D | sarcasm |

Question 5: Multiple Choice

4 marks

The word in the title "Living dangerously through a monstrous tornado" that has a positive connotation is

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| A | monstrous |
| B | living |
| C | dangerously |
| D | tornado |

Question 6: Text Input

3 marks

A tornado and a tsunami are both examples of natural

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Question 7: Multiple Choice

4 marks

The expression 'the tornado was bearing down on us', means

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| A | The tornado was coming towards us in a menacing way. |
| B | The tornado was just passing through. |
| C | The tornado was destroying everything in its path. |
| D | The tornado was a natural disaster. |
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Question 8: Text Input

3 marks

John Harper was ... aware of the danger he was in.

Question 9: Please Fill In The Blanks

2 marks

I'm glad I have not experienced a tornado in my (1) .

Possible Answers: life | live

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Question 10: True/False

2 marks

Comparing electrical poles to tooth picks gives one a good idea of the strength of the wind.

TRUE

FALSE

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