



Subject: Grade 7 English
Topic: Comprehension: Living through a tornado
Total: 32 Marks

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This text refers to question: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

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: Multiple Choice

4 marks

When you describe a tornado as a 'massive twister' or 'monstrous', you are using ... as a figure of speech.

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| A | alliteration |
| B | hyperbole |
| C | personification |
| D | simile |

Question 2: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

The wind (1) up speed and we heard the beams in the roof (2) .

Possible Answers: picked | picket | creak | creek

1	
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2	
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Question 3: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

It was very (1) before the storm. You could hear a (2) drop.

Possible Answers: quiet | quite | quit | pin | mouse | rain

1	
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2	
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Question 4: Text Input

3 marks

The word ... in the first paragraph implies that the narrator might be religious.

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Question 5: True/False

2 marks

The strength of a tornado is measured on the Richter scale.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 6: Please Fill In The Blanks

2 marks

Many people were (1) by the tornado.

Possible Answers: killed | murdered

1	
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Question 7: Multiple Choice

4 marks

THREE different technological mediums are mentioned in the first paragraph.

They are:

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| A | television, laptop, camera |
| B | tornado, twister, laundry |
| C | power, feed, internet |
| D | drier, washing machine, iron |

Question 8: Text Input

3 marks

Refer to paragraph 2:

A million people were left without any

Question 9: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Which TWO senses are used by the narrator in the first sentence of paragraph 1?

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| A | Feeling (touching) and seeing |
| B | Hearing and smelling |
| C | Seeing and hearing |
| D | Tasting and smelling |

Question 10: True/False

2 marks

Tornadoes are common in South Africa.

 TRUE **FALSE**

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