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Teacher's Introduction

This resource has been developed to provide case studies and exam preparation material to support the GCSE AQA specification (8035) **Section A: The challenge of natural hazards; Theme 3.1.1.3 – Weather Hazards.**

This detailed case study is on **Cyclone Hudhud, India and Nepal (2014)** representing a **low income country** based on World Bank classifications.

The case study includes a main content section which can be used as part of a lesson plan or distributed to students for self-guided research; a selection of ICT interactive links to further students' research around each topic and a set of Springboard Images and discussion questions (also available as a PPT file accessible by digital download) which makes a fantastic starter activity.

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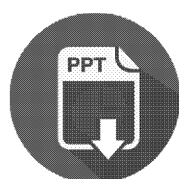


The exam preparation section which follows the case study contains a summary table, bringing together all of the key facts and figures relating to the case study; rapid-fire revision questions (with answers) to help recall and retention of the main points; and an exam-style question and mark scheme, written in the style of the AQA sample material, so that students can practice answering questions relating to case studies and applying relevant knowledge in their answers.

The resource may be used as a source of reference for the required case studies for individual study, or for group work leading to discussion or debate. Subheadings in the information sections are designed to enable tabulated comparisons of social, economic and environmental impacts.

Other case study resources are available for this topic area which can be used to compare and contrast between storms at locations across the world's equatorial oceans:

- Hurricane Sandy, USA (2012)
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Cyclone Hudhud in India and Nepal – Overview

Part 1 – Case Study

Acronyms and Useful Terms

IMD –	India Meteorological Department
JTWC –	Joint Typhoon Warning Centre
NDRF –	National Disaster Response Force
RSMC –	Indian Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre



Content

Introduction and Overview

Cyclone Hudhud affected east India and Nepal in October 2014 and reached Category 4 on the Saffir–Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. On the local IMD scale (India Meteorological Department), it was labelled an extremely severe cyclonic storm, as shown on the table below.

Hudhud formed in the Bay of Bengal on 7th October 2014 and quickly gained strength, and made landfall in eastern India on 12th October, mainly affecting the states of West Bengal and Odisha, and Nepal. The storm produced deep snowfall (also in southwest China) as the warm, moist air ascended over the Himalayas. High winds and heavy rainfall were also associated with the cyclone, as expected. Over land, as much as 200–250 mm of rain fell, and up to 550 mm over the ocean.

Hudhud caused at least 125 deaths, including 81 in India (mainly in Andhra Pradesh) and caused \$3.4 billion in damage. In Andhra Pradesh, cyclonic conditions lasted for six hours, and that left 9.1 million people without power.

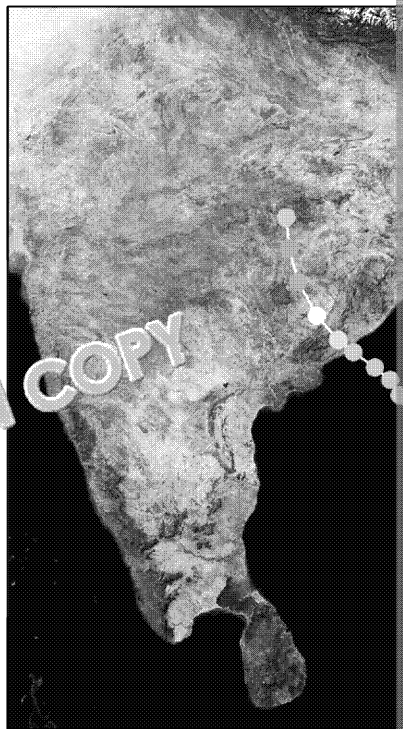


Figure 1: Cyclone Hudhud

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Timeline of Events:

6th October – high air circulation over the Andaman Sea.
7th October – began to form out at sea; alert of a tropical cyclone established.
8th October – classified as a severe cyclonic storm; advice issued by JTWC (Joint Typhoon Warning Centre).
9th October – classified as a very severe cyclonic storm; an alert set up by the JTWC.
10th October – classified as a Category 1 tropical cyclone, followed by an upgrade to Category 2 the same day.
11th October – the eye was seen for the first time and the peak wind speeds were 115 mph (sustained for three minutes).
12th October (Sunday) – made landfall at approximately midday at Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh. The cyclone moved north to Nepal, passing through Uttar Pradesh.
14th October – Cyclone Hudhud weakened over land and quickly dissipated over the Himalayas as an area of low pressure.

Category	Sustained winds (3-min average)
Super Cyclonic Storm	≥222 km/h
Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm	167–221 km/h
Very Severe Cyclonic Storm	118–166 km/h
Severe Cyclonic Storm	89–117 km/h
Cyclonic Storm	62–88 km/h
Deep Depression	49–61 km/h
Depression	≤49 km/h

Preparation

- Alerts were raised by the government – for 16 districts in Odisha and nine in Andhra Pradesh.
- India's armed forces were on alert.
- India mobilised 35 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, which were positioned on the coast.
- TV and radio stations, the government, task forces and the Indian Red Cross Society provided updates and the early warning system.
- Updates were provided by the Indian Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC).
- Thousands of people were evacuated (as many as 500,000, some people were housed in relief camps by the government). It was reported that up to 350,000 people were evacuated as the storm made landfall.
- Shelters were set up with a three-day supply of goods, including water and milk. Medicines and medical personnel were also readied.
- Rescue equipment was provided, such as inflatable boats and generators.
- On 12th October, 38 trains were cancelled on the East Coast Railway, and other services were diverted.
- Flights were also cancelled.
- The national highway was closed in the affected region so that people wouldn't be endangered by flooding.
- Hoardings were removed from houses in case they blew off and caused injury.
- Ships were moved offshore.
- In Odisha, the government (under the 'Zero Casualty' initiative) warned people to stay away from beaches two days before the storm.

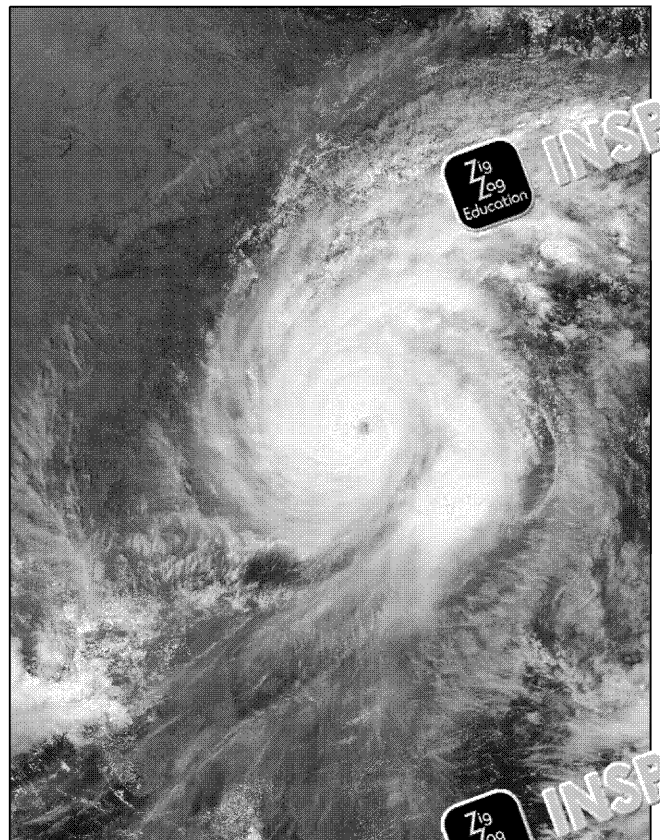


Figure 2: Cyclone Hudhud about to make landfall on India's eastern coast

Primary Effects

Social

- 125 deaths in total (both primary and secondary), including from the high winds and heavy rainfall – e.g. falling trees, masonry/wall collapse (the majority of deaths).
- Damage to 112,850 houses in the city and surroundings of Visakhapatnam – with a population of 1.5 million, Andhra Pradesh and Srikakulam also encountered damage. Thatched houses were sometimes completely destroyed.
- Travel was disrupted on roads, such as the Andaman Trunk Road (trees downed and also fallen debris). Coastal roads were destroyed in places.
- Vehicles were damaged.
- TV / satellite TV infrastructure was damaged.
- Power lines were damaged.
- Communication was difficult following the storm because phone lines were downed in 70% in the worst-affected regions.

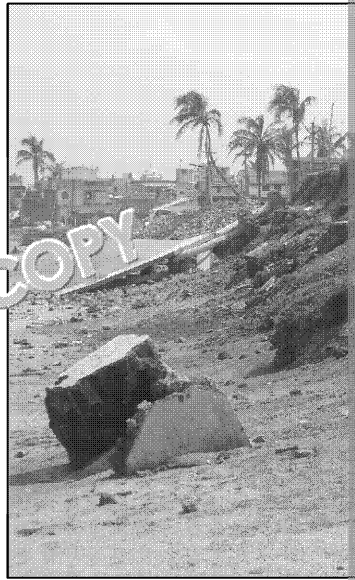


Figure 3: Damage

Economic

- In total, \$3.4 billion worth of damage was caused.
- An important radar station was damaged – this made it harder to measure the storm's intensity.
- Crops hadn't been harvested prior to the storm and were damaged, including peanuts.
- Destruction of a bridge in Visakhapatnam.
- Damage to the runway at Visakhapatnam airport. The terminal building was also damaged.
- Animals were killed.
- Fish farms were damaged.
- Overall, fishing was less productive – fewer fish were caught, and many boats were damaged.

Environmental

- Thousands of trees were downed.
- A 1–2 metre high storm surge inundated coastal areas with saline seawater.
- Large waves eroded beaches.

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Figure 4: Damaged trees completely block this road

Secondary Social

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Other dangers included landslides on Andaman Island (which also suffered phone lines).

Economic

After the storm, it was suggested that there would be a spread of crop disease

After the storm, there were also 10 times more fish caught in the Brahmaputra away from the stormy waters of the Bay of Bengal. While this resulted in a fishermen, the price dropped due to the surplus, in there was no cold storage that the fish couldn't be stored.

Immediate Response

- India's Minister promised ₹2,000 crore to the state of Andhra Pradesh. (₹ 1,000 crore is ~ £125 million)
- ₹ 2,000 crore was requested.
- Forty-two teams consisting of 2,000 rescuers were deployed; 250 NDRF personnel deployed.
- The Indian Army (300 personnel) and Navy assisted with rescue relief.
- The Indian Air Force was on standby with communication devices.
- The police assisted with further evacuations.
- Personnel aboard naval ships were on standby for immediate deployment.

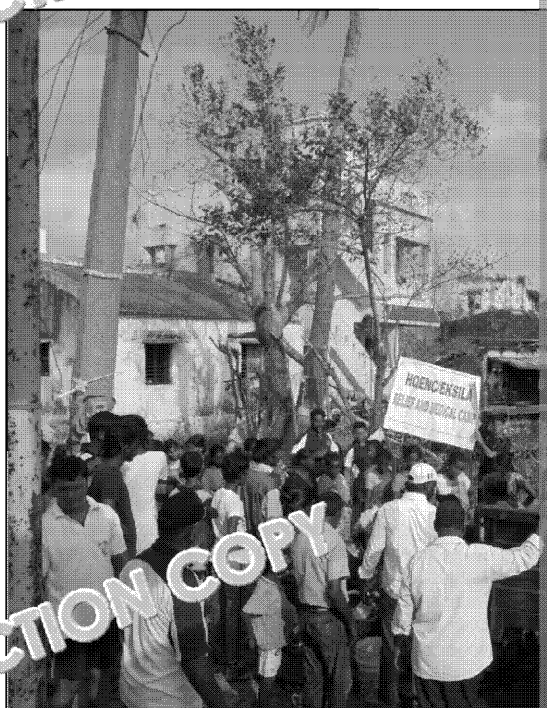


Figure 5: Just one of many temporary evacuation Navy

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- The India Red Cross Society provided assistance such as early warning evacuation shelters and provided resources, volunteers and medical support.
- Most people returned home the following day; however, some people took months if their homes were damaged.
- Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp accounts were created by the government for communication.
- A close eye was kept on the Bansadhara River for further evacuations if it rained quickly.
- Remote sensing was employed using satellites for disaster management.
- Supplies of food and important commodities were quickly restored.
- Power was restored quickly.
- Crowdfunding was explored to acquire funds.
- Most train services were restored within three days.
- In Nepal, people trapped by avalanches were rescued starting on 15th October, 400 people had been rescued in Nepal.

Long-term Responses

- There was a great need to rebuild houses, which was an expensive process and slow to be processed. This was especially difficult for slum dwellers, who may not have had identity or ration cards. City planners also saw the need to rebuild with legal structures.
- The government set up a scheme of \$51 million to build 9,000 permanent houses.
- In Nepal, it was proposed that climbers should be tracked using GPS, and to climb in the region, pass through checkpoints and have registered guides.
- NGOs (non-governmental organisations) provided assistance.

Effectiveness of Preparation

- India was relatively prepared for the storm. Its effective preparation – such as evacuation – was successful in reducing the death toll – for example, as seen in Odisha, and 156,000 people were evacuated to them.
- Evacuation in some areas was difficult due to the lack of solid-built houses.
- India had learnt from large events in the past where there were thousands of deaths. However, some criticism was raised that lessons hadn't been fully learnt from Cyclone Phailin, only the previous year.
- Many people had followed warnings and didn't travel on roads. However, people ignored warnings to travel to the coast to watch the sea as some news reports underplayed the severity of the storm.
- In Nepal, criticism was levied at local authorities that there wasn't enough warning to local people and climbers (the prime minister introduced a better warning system afterwards). Some others suggested that the climbers were not well equipped.

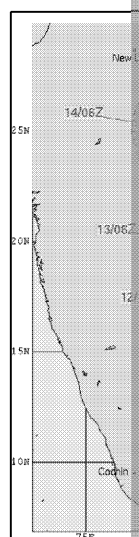


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Effectiveness of Responses

- The government was slow to provide the promised financial aid.
- The compensation of the boats for fishermen was also slow. In total, around 100 boats were damaged.
- A rescue boat capsized on the Khola River; two people were missing and the boat was damaged.

The following are some of the recommendations made by the National Disaster Management Authority following the storm:

- Improve the quality of shelters.
- Increase communication equipment and the number of generators provided.
- Improve forecasting to include wind velocity and gusting.
- Prepare for worse 'worst case scenarios'.
- Develop smart cities.
- Bury powerlines underground.
- Improve the planning in hospitals.
- Improve the quality of river embankments to stop the risk of roads collapsing.
- Increase crop insurance and rapidly harvest crops prior to the arrival of the storm.
- Increase compensation to homeowners.

Conclusion

Cyclone Hudhud was a major tropical revolving storm that affected millions of people in the most populated country of India. Preparation for the storm was effective – hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes. In India, the effects were strong winds and heavy rain. In Pakistan and parts of northern India, deep snowfall resulted from the uplift of the moist air.



Fact Table

Category:	4
Number of deaths:	125 reported (8 in India)
Number of houses damaged in Mahanagar:	112,850
Rainfall:	200–250 mm
Snowfall:	up to 1.8 metres
Cost of damage:	\$3.4 billion
Number of people affected in Andhra Pradesh:	9.2 million
Number of NDRF teams delayed:	35
Number of people evacuated:	500,000
Number of trains cancelled on the East Coast Railway:	38
Percentage of communication infrastructure lost in some areas:	70%
Size of storm surge in some areas:	1–2 metres
Amount promised to the state of Andhra Pradesh by India's prime minister:	₹ 1,000 crore
Amount requested for assistance:	₹ 2,000 crore
Number of rescuers deployed:	2,000
Number of rescuers from the Indian Army:	300
Number of people rescued in Nepal:	400
Number of NDRF personnel deployed:	250

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Videos

BBC News:

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Car blown from a building:

🖱 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8J7xTvZHB8>

Effects of the storm:

🖱 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB0LxV4iIVE>

The storm in 30 images:

🖱 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qn7KHU5MCAI>

News Stories

NASA warning – 9th October

🖱 <http://spaceref.com/earth/nasa-eyes-tropical-cyclone-hudhud-as-war-india.html>

Cyclone Hudhud makes landfall (with video) – 12th October:

🖱 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-2581787>

Hudhud in Andhra Pradesh – *the Times of India*:

🖱 <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Hudhud-killed-46-in-Andhra-hit/articleshow/14932425.cms>

Cyclone Hudhud reaches the Himalayas – 16th October (after the storm):

🖱 <https://www.thethirdpole.net/2014/10/16/cyclone-reaches-himalayas-1>

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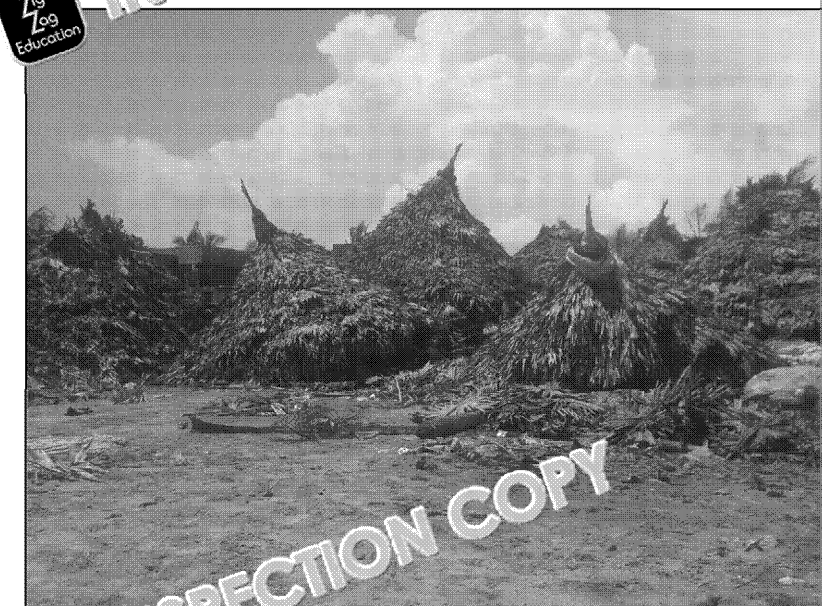
Springboard 2



1. What issues might arise as a result of the fallen trees in this photograph?
2. Do you think that India has enough infrastructure not to require significant improvements?
3. How do you think fatalities were incurred due to Cyclone Hudhud?



Springboard 2



1. Why do you think that these houses were badly affected by the cyclone?
2. Suggest how India's economy was affected by Cyclone Hudhud.
3. Suggest how the natural environment can be damaged by a tropical cyclone.

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Springboard 4



1. What area do you think this series of satellite images shows? Explain your answer.
2. What damage could have been caused in this region?
3. Explain why the following safety measures could be effective:
 - GPS tracking
 - Registration prior to climbing in the region
 - Checkpoints
 - Registered guides



1. Suggest items that might be necessary following a tropical revolving storm.
2. Suggest challenges in preparing for, and providing aid after, a tropical revolving storm.
3. How do you think that the effects of the cyclone made relief efforts difficult?

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Springboard Suggested Answers

Springboard 1

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The track, intensity (wind speed), area affected, the cloud itself, and time.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cyclone is heading to the west into India, where the track was predicted. The storm passes over the Andaman Islands at less than 34 knots. The storm then moves into the Bay of Bengal, reaching at least 34 knots soon after passing the islands. As the storm approached the coast of India, intensity picked up, exceeding 34 knots. The cyclone was predicted to lose intensity.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek shelter. Stockpile supplies. Evacuate if necessary. Reduce flying debris. Prepare for flooding. Stop unnecessary travel.

Springboard 2

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport on that road is impassable until the route is fully cleared – the medical assistance cannot be transported on this road – alternative routes are needed. The trees may have fallen on houses, causing damage or downed power lines.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was relatively little international assistance required by India. While criticism was aimed at the Indian government, the country did have a large number of personnel working to cope with the disaster.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falling trees and debris. Avalanches on steep slopes.

Springboard 3

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flimsy timber structures – not particularly permanent. Made from cheap, readily available material – i.e. not stone or brick.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crops damaged. Transport shut down for a brief time. Time needed to rebuild. Fishing industry declined temporarily.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees and ecosystems damaged. Coastal areas inundated by salty sea water. Rivers burst their banks. Landslides/mudflows

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Springboard 4

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows the Himalayas – the snow-capped fold mountains. The monsoon snowfall on 14th October, and it was still lying on the ground the following day.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avalanches and loss of life. Damage to infrastructure.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS tracking – so that rescuers can find any missing people trapped by avalanches. Registration prior to climbing in the region – so that the exact number of people are known and they can be easily rescued. Checkpoints – so that rescuers know approximately where people are likely to be. Registered guides – to ensure safety, as visitors are guided by people who know the area well.

Springboard 5

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and water Shelter supplies, blankets, etc. Personal hygiene items Sanitation items Medicines, first aid, medical items, etc. Communication devices Torches Electrical generators Rescue equipment
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistics – quickly readying items and transport to arrive quickly. Financial capability for supplies and to reimburse people. Roads may be blocked. Require personnel and equipment – may need to travel from other countries.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescue and relief. Transportation systems are unavailable or damaged. Electricity supplies are lost. Communication is lost – e.g. fallen telephone cables.

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Part 2 - Exam Preparation

Summary



Cyclone Hudhud, 2014

Question	Answer
What were the dates of the storm?	
What were the intensity ratings of the storm on the Saffir-Simpson and IMD scales?	
On what date did the storm make landfall?	
What were the weather conditions experienced during the storm?	
How many people were affected in Andhra Pradesh?	
How were warnings issued to Indian citizens?	
How many trains were cancelled on the East Coast Railway?	
What initiative allowed for warnings for residents not to go to beaches to watch the sea?	
Approximately how many deaths were attributed to the storm?	
How did these deaths occur?	
How many houses were damaged in the city and surroundings of Visakhapatnam?	
What percentage of phone/communication lines were damaged in the worst affected region?	
What was the total cost of the damage caused?	
What types of house were badly damaged?	
How was the airport at Visakhapatnam damaged?	
How high was the storm surge?	
In Nepal, how many climbers and guides died?	
How many rupees were requested?	
How many army personnel were deployed?	
Which river were authorities concerned could flood?	
How many people were rescued in Nepal?	
How many permanent homes did the government demolish?	
What was the cost of building these homes?	
How many fishing boats were damaged by the storm?	
How many people were missing after a boat on the Khola River capsized?	

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Question	
What were the dates of the storm?	7 th –14 th October 2014
What were the severity ratings of the storm on the Saffir–Simpson and IMD scales?	Category 4 (Saffir–Simpson) Storm (IMD)
On what date did the storm make landfall?	12 th October
What were the weather conditions experienced during the storm?	High winds, heavy rainfall
How many people were affected in Andhra Pradesh?	9.2 million
How were warnings issued to coastal citizens?	TV and radio, the government Red Cross Society
How many trains were cancelled on the East Coast Railway?	38
What initiative allowed for warnings for residents not to go to beaches to watch the sea?	The Zero Casualty initiative
Approximately how many deaths were attributed to the storm?	125
How did these deaths occur?	Extreme weather, falling trees
How many houses were damaged in the city and surrounds of Visakhapatnam?	112,850
What percentage of phone/communication lines were damaged in the worst affected regions?	70%
What was the total cost of the damage caused?	\$3.4 billion
What types of house were badly damaged?	Houses with thatched roofs shanty towns
How was the airport at Visakhapatnam damaged?	The runway was flooded and was blown off
How high was the storm surge?	Between one and two metres
In Nepal, how many climbers and guides died?	21
How many rupees were lost in Nepal?	2,000 crore
How many police personnel were deployed?	300
Which river authorities concerned could flood?	Bansadhara
How many people were rescued in Nepal?	400
How many permanent homes did the government rebuild?	9,000
What was the cost of building these homes?	\$51 million
How many fishing boats were damaged by the storm?	500
How many people were missing after a boat on the Khola River capsized?	2

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Quick-fire Questions

1	When did Cyclone Hudhud make landfall in India?	
2	Which agency issued advice on 8 th October?	
3	How many fatalities were caused by Cyclone Hudhud?	
4	When did Cyclone Hudhud dissipate?	
5	How was the NDRF readied?	
6	Which organisation provided updates on the storm's progress?	
7	How many people were evacuated?	
8	Provide an example of rescue equipment used as a result of the storm.	
9	How was transport affected?	
10	How many days' worth of supplies were stored in shops?	
11	Why were hoardings removed from buildings?	
12	Why were people not in many areas?	

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13	What was the cost of the storm?	
14	Name some of the crops destroyed by the storm.	
15	How was the fishing industry affected?	
16	How did the prime minister react to the storm?	
17	Which branches of the military were on standby?	
18	How did the government communicate with citizens following the storm?	
19	What form of sensing is provided by satellites?	
20	Why was rebuilding houses difficult?	
21	What happened on the Khola River?	
22	What was the storm that hit in 2001 which allowed lessons to be learnt?	
23	How could forecasting of cyclones be improved?	
24	How could roads be improved?	
25	How could the damage to crops be reduced?	

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Quick-fire Answers

1	When did Cyclone Hudhud make landfall in India?	<i>Approximately 11th October</i>
2	Which agency issued advice on 8 th October?	<i>JTWC – Joint Typhoon Warning Centre</i>
3	How many fatalities were caused by Cyclone Hudhud?	<i>Approximately 100</i>
4	When did Cyclone Hudhud dissipate?	<i>14th October</i>
5	How was the NDRF readied?	<i>35 teams were placed on alert</i>
6	Which organisation provided updates on the storm's progress?	<i>The Indian Meteorological Department</i>
7	How many people were evacuated?	<i>500,000</i>
8	Provide an example of rescue equipment used as a result of the storm.	<i>Boats and electric generators</i>
9	How was transport affected?	<i>Train services were suspended and roads were blocked</i>
10	How many days' worth of supplies were stored in shelters?	<i>Three</i>
11	Why were hoardings removed from buildings?	<i>They could have caused death</i>
12	Why was electricity cut in many areas?	<i>Electricity cables were down or collapsed</i>

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13	What was the cost of the storm?	\$3.4 billion
14	Name some of the crops destroyed by the storm.	Rice, sugarcane and peanuts
15	How was the fishing industry affected?	Fewer fish were caught, and
16	How did the prime minister assist after the storm?	By providing money for the
17	Which branches of the military were on standby?	The army, navy and air force
18	How did the government communicate with citizens following the storm?	Several forms of social media
19	What form of sensing is provided by satellites?	Remote sensing
20	Why was rebuilding houses difficult?	Compensation funds were
21	What happened on the Khola River?	A rescue boat capsized
22	What was the storm that hit in 2013 and the lessons to be learnt?	Cyclone Phailin
23	How could forecasting of cyclones be improved?	The inclusion of wind velocity
24	How could roads be improved?	Improve the quality of embankments
25	How could the damage to crops be reduced?	Increase protection of standing crops prior to its arrival

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Extension Questions

1. Evaluate the effectiveness of storm warnings prior to Cyclone Hudhud.
2. Describe the development of Cyclone Hudhud.
3. Suggest why the damage to many houses was so significant.
4. Suggest why the snowfall in Nepal was such a serious issue.
5. Evaluate whether the social or economic effects from the storm were greater than the physical effects.
6. How effective do you think that the recommendations by the National Disaster Management Authority would be?
7. Explain whether a repeated incidence of tropical storms can help reduce the damage caused by tropical storms.
8. How effective do you think the Indian government was in releasing funds for the rebuilding process?
9. Why do tropical storms weaken over land?
10. Are tropical storms in the region a surprise?

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Extension Answers

1. Warnings were successful because hundreds of thousands of people evacuated. However, there were reports that the media didn't fully discuss the extent of the danger. Many people went to the coast to watch the raging sea, putting their lives in danger.
2.
 - 6th October – high air circulation over the Andaman Sea.
 - 7th October – became a storm out at sea; alert of a tropical cyclone established.
 - 8th October – intensified as a severe cyclonic storm; advice issued by JTWC.
 - 9th October – classified as a very severe cyclonic storm; alert set up by the IMD.
 - 10th October – classified as a Category 1 tropical cyclone, followed by an upgrade to Category 2.
 - 11th October – the eye was seen for the first time and the peak wind speed was recorded (within three minutes).
 - 12th October (Sunday) – made landfall at approximately midday at Visakhapatnam. The cyclone moved north to Nepal, passing through Uttar Pradesh.
 - 14th October – Cyclone Hudhud weakened over land and quickly dissipated, leaving an area of low pressure.
3. Many houses were poorly built of flimsy materials such as wood. There was a high density of settlements where the housing was not built to high standards.
4. The snowfall was rapid and deep – reaching 1.8 metres in places. This meant that roads and infrastructure were buried and phone lines went down.
5. Allow the student to argue any valid case, providing that there are facts to support it. People were affected by the storm; however, there were very few deaths because of the warnings. The economic damage was severe, given the damage to crops and the fishing industry.
6. The recommendations would probably be very effective – for example, the improved weather prediction, and the increased ease of dissemination to the public. The benefits to consumers would be easily felt; for example, the burying of cables and creating barriers to reduce the impact of the storm and reduce the power loss after the event. Services would be less overwhelmed, and the quality of shelters would be improved. The impact would be mitigated, such as the agricultural losses and compensation to homeowners. It would be a debate the viability of the options, such as the funding – who would pay for the repairs? That customers were required to pay for the repair of their TV satellite dishes.
7. Yes – there is ample opportunity for the disaster management agencies to learn from this and likely to become familiar with advice and procedures.
8. Not particularly effective due to the delayed payment of claims. It would be easy to blame the government; however, the scale of the disaster should be taken into account.
9. Tropical storms lose their energy source of warm ocean water. There might also be a change in altitude.
10. No – there have been 60 cyclones in the region since 1977, accounting for 10,000 deaths. The favourable conditions out in the Bay of Bengal, allowing for the rising of warm water.

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Exam-style Question

With reference to a tropical storm you have studied, assess the preparedness of the country helped minimise the effects of the storm.



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Level Mark Scheme

Indicative content:

- The student should offer an evaluation of the extent to which the effects by the preparation carried out in advance of the event.
- Students are likely to discuss the preparation carried out in terms of mitigation, protection and planning. Assessment of these elements does not need to be exhaustive.
- Evaluation may lead to the student identifying particular elements of preparation that played a role in reducing the effects.

Level	Mark	Description
1	1–3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student evidences basic knowledge (AO1)• The student evidences limited understanding of the relationships that exist between places, environments and hazards• A limited ability to evaluate is evidenced through knowledge and understanding. (AO3)
2	4–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student evidences some knowledge (AO1)• The student evidences good understanding of the relationships that exist between places, environments and hazards• A reasonable ability to evaluate is evidenced through application of knowledge and understanding. (AO3)
3	7–9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student evidences thorough knowledge (AO1)• The student evidences a firm understanding of the relationships that exist between places, environments and hazards• A strong ability to evaluate is evidenced through application of knowledge and understanding. (AO3)

Suggested Content

Monitoring:

- Monitoring of the development of the storm led the government to issue warnings in Odisha and nine in Andhra Pradesh.
- Updates were provided by the Indian Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre.

Prediction:

- TV and radio stations, the government, task forces and the Indian Red Cross provided updates and the early warning system.

Protection:

- Thousands of people were evacuated (as many as 500,000). Some people stayed in camps by the government.
- Hoardings were removed from houses in case they blew off and caused damage.
- Ships were moved offshore.
- In Odisha, the government (under the 'Zero Casualty' initiative) warned people to stay away from beaches two days before the storm.

Planning:

- India's armed forces were put on alert.
- 35 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams were mobilised in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.
- Shelters were set up with a three-day supply of goods, including water and food.
- Medicines and medical personnel were also readied.
- Rescue equipment such as inflatable boats and generators was provided.

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Evaluation of effectiveness:

- Deaths totalled 125, which could be evidence of relatively strong preparation in terms of evacuation of people.
- 112,850 houses were damaged, with some thatched cottages being collapsed, which indicates poor preparation was carried out in terms of protecting infrastructure.
- Damage to a radar station during the storm meant it was difficult to monitor the storm.
- Some crops, including rice, sugar cane and peanuts, hadn't been harvested and were damaged. Improved preparation in this area could have prevented this.
- Poor sea defences meant that coastal roads were completely destroyed.
- The fishing industry was poorly protected, with fish farms as well as fish boats damaged.

Spelling and Grammar (SPaG) – total of 3 marks

For 1 mark:

- Student shows some ability to spell and punctuate correctly.
- Student shows limited use of grammar to convey their argument.
- Student utilises a basic range of geographical phrases.

For 2 marks:

- Student generally uses good spelling and punctuation throughout.
- Student shows some accurate use of grammar to convey their argument.
- Student utilises an adequate range of geographical phrases.

For 3 marks:

- Student uses correct spelling and punctuation throughout.
- Student shows accurate use of grammar to clearly convey their argument.
- Student utilises a broad range of geographical phrases.

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