



Natural and Man-made Disasters

Chapter - 7

1. What is disaster?

Ans:- A disaster is an unexpected event that kills a large number of people or causes a lot of damage.

2. What is hazard?

Ans:- Hazard is any substance, phenomenon or situation, which has the potential to cause disruption or damage to people, their property, their services and their environment.

3. What are natural disaster?

Ans:- Natural disasters are caused by some naturally occurring phenomena such as earthquake, flood, tsunami, and so on.

4. Write the classification of natural disaster.

Ans:- Natural disasters have been classified into two groups - weather related forces and geological forces. Weather related forces cause natural disaster such as cyclone, flood, landslide, avalanche, drought and cloudburst. Geological forces cause natural disasters such as earthquake, tsunami, landslide, and volcanic eruption.

5. What are man-made disasters?

Ans:- Man-made disasters are a result of human activities. They are caused by technical faults, human faults or careless human activities. Some examples are deforestation, unplanned mining, bomb blasts etc.

Fill in the blanks :-

1. A hazard is a threat while a disaster is an event.
2. Natural disasters are caused by some naturally occurring phenomena such as earthquake.
3. Man-made disasters are a result of human activities.
4. Landslides are often caused by continuous deforestation on hillslopes.
5. Cloudbursts create sudden flood.