

Natural Disasters

Chapter 14: Natural Disasters · Topic 1

Key Concept

Floods occur when excess water overflows onto land, often due to heavy rain, and can damage homes, crops, and infrastructure.

Earthquakes are sudden shaking of the ground caused by movements in the Earth's crust, which can damage buildings and cause injuries.

Cyclones are powerful storms with strong winds and heavy rain, capable of causing widespread damage to coastal areas.

During natural disasters, following safety guidelines, like moving to safe locations and listening to official warnings, can save lives.

Quick Revision Notes

- Floods: excess water overflow, often from rain.
- They damage homes, crops, infrastructure.
- Earthquakes: sudden ground shaking.
- Caused by Earth's crust movements.
- Cyclones: powerful storms, strong winds, rain.
- They cause damage to coastal areas.
- Safety guidelines help during disasters.
- Follow official warnings, move to safe locations.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss what to do during an earthquake.
- 2 Discuss what to do during a flood.
- 3 Research a recent natural disaster and its effects.
- 4 Draw a safety plan for your family during a disaster.
- 5 Discuss why listening to official warnings is important.
- 6 List three safety items to keep ready for emergencies.