

Listening Passages

UNIT-I PROSE

For the attention of the public, here is an announcement from the Department of Disaster Management.

As per the warning issued today by the Meteorological Department, there exists a high probability of a widespread heavy downpour from the early hours of Sunday and consequent flooding of low-lying areas. In order to ensure the safety of life and property, everyone is hereby warned and advised to take certain precautionary measures:

- ❖ First of all, prepare a household flood plan and be ready to respond to the situation.
- ❖ Find out the locations of the closest flood shelters available and routes to reach them.
- ❖ Maintain an emergency kit comprising water bottles, biscuit packets, medical supplies, a torch light, and a whistle to signal for help.
- ❖ Paste or fix a list of emergency telephone numbers on the wall in a visible spot.
- ❖ Switch off hazardous items like gas cylinders and disconnect electrical gadgets.
- ❖ Secure important personal documents and valuables in a waterproof case and place it in an accessible location.
- ❖ Place small pieces of furniture and clothing on tables and cots.
- ❖ Shift all the small objects safely to the loft.
- ❖ Empty your refrigerators and leave their doors open to avoid damage in case they float.
- ❖ Charge your mobile phones as well as your battery banks so as to communicate with friends, relatives and emergency services.
- ❖ Place sandbags in the toilet bowls and bathroom drain holes to prevent sewage inflow.
- ❖ Prepare and pack food with a long shelf life.
- ❖ Finally, listen to the periodic news updates through your portable communication devices and follow the instructions implicitly.

UNIT-1 POEM

Following is one of the most celebrated poems of Rupert Brooke. It describes the noble sacrifice of an English soldier.