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Descriptive Writing: 25 marks

California Mudslides (taken from *Time for Kids*)



Figure 1: Firefighter stands knee-deep in mud in Montecito, California, on January 10.

The mudslides were caused by a powerful storm. It sent mud and boulders down hills and into nearby communities. Hundreds of homes were destroyed. Some streets were cracked. Authorities closed highways and bridges.

Recovery crews continue to dig away mud, boulders, and toppled trees. Crews are also clearing out waterways. These include creeks and canals. The hope is to prevent another disaster when the next rainstorm hits.

"If we don't get those debris basins cleaned out, then we're not going to be prepared for the next storm," said Robert Lewin. He is Santa Barbara County's emergency management director.

Imagine you are one of those who survived through the mudslides in California. Describe the scene of disaster that you witnessed and survived through

200-250 words

In your composition (three Paragraphs) include the following points:

- Describe the scene of your location before the mudslide
- Explain your feelings when you witnessed the mudslide near you
- Describe the scene of the mudslide and how you managed to remain safe.

Note: You are required to include the following in your composition:

- Variety of sentence structures (specially compound and complex sentences)
- At least two punctuation marks other than full stop and comma:
- Literary devices to create special effects
- Use sensory details and colours
- Use different conjunctions to connect the sentences

Descriptive Writing: 200-250 words. /25 marks

Compose your answer below: