



QUESTION BANK – Deep Water

Class: X II

Sub: ENGLISH

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

I. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

My breath was gone. I was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves. My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened.

1. Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

Statement 1: The author's father laughed to mock his son's inability to swim.

Statement 2: The author wanted to swim just to prove to his father that he can swim.

- a) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- b) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
- c) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.**
- d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.

2. "My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears." It can be inferred that this was a clear case of

- a) suppression
- b) oppression
- c) depression
- d) repression**

3. The misadventure that took place right after the author felt comfortable was that -

- a) the author slipped and fell into the swimming pool.
- b) a bully tossed him into the pool for the sake of fun.**
- c) his coach forgot to teach him how to handle deep water.
- d) his father couldn't help him from drowning into the water.

4. What is the theme of the story Deep Water?

- a) Victory in facing the fear**
- b) Being fearful
- c) To learn swimming
- d) All of the options

II. Read the questions and the choose the appropriate answer:

1. After the third unsuccessful attempt to spring up, Douglas thought that he was

- (a) floating in space**
- (b) floating in the River Yakima

- (c) floating in the air
- (d) floating in a rubber-tube

2. Douglas imagined that on hitting the bottom, he would

- (a) bob to the surface like a cork**
- (b) would come up to Tab his water wings
- (c) would lie flat and float up
- (d) shout for help

3. The introduction to the Y.M.C.A swimming pool revived for Douglas -

- (a) childhood fear of water**
- (b) memories of a holiday at the beach
- (c) memories of father and son companionship
- (d) a terrible accident

4. What plan did Douglas make to learn swimming?

- (a) Planned to get an instructor**
- (b) Planned to swim more
- (c) Planned to watch swimmers
- (d) Planned to jump

5. How did Douglas make sure that he had conquered the old terror?

- a) by visiting California
- b) by jumping into the waters
- c) by taking a lesson from the instructor
- d) by swimming into the lake Wentworth**

6. The most appropriate justification for the title of the chapter ‘Deep Water’ is that

- a) it's about the dangerous depth of the swimming pool.
- b) It reveals the author's lack of surety about overcoming his fear of swimming.
- c) it underlines the author's fear of water and how he overcomes it.**
- d) it includes the methods of the author's coach to overcome the fear of deep water.

7. The chap that threw me in was saying, “But I was only fooling.” Choose the option mentioning the personality traits of this ‘chap’.

1. persuasive 2. irresponsible 3. domineering 4. manipulative 5. Callous

- a) 1, 2, 4 b) 2, 4, 5 **c) 2, 3, 5** d) 1, 3, 5

8. The misadventure at the Y.M.C.A pool happened when

- a) Douglas was accompanied by friends
- b) he was with his father
- c) he was alone**
- d) he was with his mother

9. I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell. The ‘curtain (of life) fell’ corresponds to an aspect of

- a) Geometry. b) History. c) Sports. **d) Drama.**

10. What was stopping Douglas to get into the waters of Cascade?

- a) Memories of Washington
- b) Memories of California
- c) Instructions given by the instructor
- d) Memories full of terror in the pool**

11. Why did Douglas hire an instructor?

- a) To be confident in swimming
- b) To compete with others and win
- c) To flaunt his power and position
- d) To overcome his fear of water and learn swimming**

12. Why did Douglas’ mother recommend that he should learn swimming at the Y. M.C.A swimming pool?

- a) Because it was local
- b) Because it was safe
- c) Because it was shallow
- d) Because it was shallow and safe**

13. After the author was fed up with teaching, he decided to opt for which career?

- a) Medical
- b) Gardening
- c) Engineering
- d) A legal career**

14. “I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell”. What does oblivion mean?

- a) spavilion
- b) changing room
- c) unconsciousness**
- d) death

15. Y.M.C.A stands for?

- A) Young Men’s Christian Authority
- B) Young Men’s Christopher Association
- C) Young Men’s Christian Army
- D) Young Men’s Christian Association**