

Term-I

DEEP WATER

—William Douglas



STAND ALONE MCQs

[1 Mark each]

Q. 1. 'What do you think you can do to me'? These words were spoken by Douglas:

- (A) to a shark.
- (B) to his enemy.
- (C) to the boy who pushed him.
- (D) to terror.

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: To overcome his fear, Douglas started talking with fear and challenging him.

Q. 2. When he regained consciousness, he:

- (A) laughed at his experience.
- (B) had 104°F fever.
- (C) shook and cried and didn't eat anything.
- (D) told his mother about his misadventure.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: Young Douglas was so panic-stricken and nervous, that he shook and cried. He didn't feel hungry also.

Q. 3. When Douglas tried to yell:

- (A) everyone came to his rescue.
- (B) no sound came out.
- (C) his father arrived.
- (D) the lifeguard dived to save him up.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Douglas was so scared after being thrown into the pool that no sound came out of his throat when he tried to shout for help.

Q. 4. His mother warned him against swimming in the Yakima River because:

- (A) it had strong currents.
- (B) it was meant only for boating.
- (C) many people had drowned there.
- (D) it had no lifeguards around.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: Yakima river was treacherous; it was very unsafe to swim in that river. There were many people who had lost their lives and drowned in it while they were swimming. Douglas' mother repeatedly told him of each incident and she always kept him away from going to the deep river. Since there were many incidents, the river had been referred to as treacherous.

Q. 5. Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?

- (A) Because he wanted to swim in the waters of the Cascade.
- (B) Because his friend had challenged him.
- (C) Because he had a bet on it.
- (D) Because he wanted to win a medal.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: Fear of water ruined his fishing trips. It deprived him of the joy of canoeing, boating, and swimming. So, Douglas was determined to get over his fear of water.

Q. 6. 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 these.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

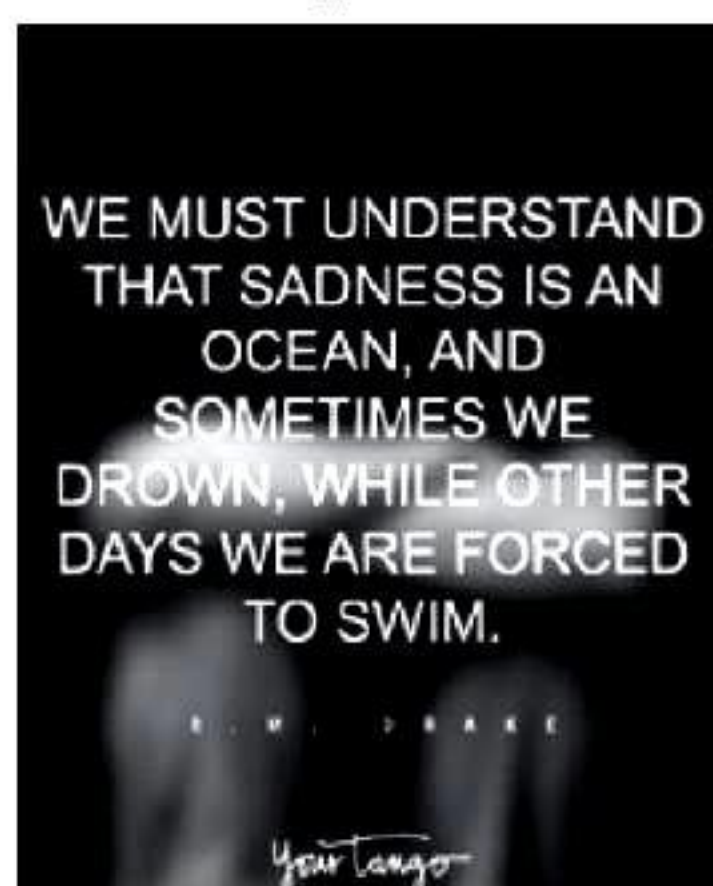
Explanation: 'Deep Water' deals with the childhood fear of Douglas. The story focuses on the fact that childhood fears must never be treated lightly.

Q. 7. The most appropriate justification for the title of the chapter 'Deep Water' is that: (CBSE QB, 2021)

- (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.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q. 8. Choose the quote that DOES NOT resonate with the central idea of the chapter. (CBSE QB, 2021)



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)

- (A) Option 1 (B) Option 2
(C) Option 3 (D) Option 4

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q. 9. Samuel has a phobia of heights but is scared and can't overcome it. Choose the option that displays an advice.

1	2	3	4
Go to the swimming pool and jump in it from the highest diving board that you see there.	If I were you, I'd begin small. Like spending 10 mins. looking down from my balcony, each day, for a week.	Unbelievable! What's the problem? I've done bungee jumping! It's a piece of cake.	Fear is a major issue if you let it control you. I think it will take a firm grip on you if you don't address it soon.

(CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) Option 1 (B) Option 2
(C) Option 3 (D) Option 4

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q. 10. 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

(CBSE QB, 2021)

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

Ans. Option (C) 2, 3, 5 is correct.



EXTRACT BASED MCQs

Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:

(1 × 4 = 4 marks)

- AT I.** 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.

(CBSE QB, 2021)

Q.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.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.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

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.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.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. Choose the option that describes the equipment used by the author while learning to swim.

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2.



3.



4.



- (A) Option 1
- (C) Option 3

- (B) Option 2
- (D) Option 4

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

- II.** Then all efforts ceased. I relaxed. Even my legs felt limp; and a blackness swept over my brain. It wiped out fear; it wiped out terror. There was no more panic. It was quiet and peaceful. Nothing to be afraid of. This is nice... to be drowsy... to go to sleep... no need to jump... too tired to jump... it's nice to be carried gently... to float along in space... tender arms around me... tender arms like Mother's... now I must go to sleep... I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell.

(CBSE QB, 2021)

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

Statement 1: The author tried his best to jump out of water.

Statement 2: After a while, the author was not anxious in water.

- (A) If Statement 1 is the cause, Statement 2 is the effect.
- (B) If Statement 1 is the effect, Statement 2 is the cause.
- (C) Both the statements are the effects of a common cause.
- (D) Both the statements are the effects of independent causes.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. The 'curtain of life fell' corresponds to an aspect of:

- (A) Geometry
- (B) History
- (C) Sports
- (D) Drama

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.3. The purpose of using "... " in the above passage is to:

- (A) show omission
- (B) indicate pauses
- (C) shorten a dialogue
- (D) replace an idea

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. Which option indicates that the poet lost consciousness?

- (A) 'It was quiet and peaceful'.
- (C) 'Tender arms like Mother's.'

- (B) 'I crossed to oblivion.'
- (D) 'It wiped out fear.'

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

AI III. I laughed and said, 'Well, Mr. Terror, what do you think you can do to me?' It fled and I swam on.

[CBSE SQP, 2019–20]

Q.1. Who is 'I' here?

- (A) William Douglas
- (C) Khushwant Singh

- (B) Anees Jung
- (D) Kamala Devi

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. Who is being addressed to as Mr. Terror?

- (A) Coach
- (C) Water

- (B) Young boy
- (D) None of these

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.3. Why did the narrator laugh?

- (A) Happy-go-lucky nature
- (C) Confident of defeating Mr. Terror

- (B) Mocking Mr. Terror
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. Why did Mr. Terror leave?

- (A) Could intimidate the narrator.
- (B) Could not make the narrator beg for help.
- (C) Could brighten up the narrator.
- (D) Could not frighten the narrator.

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

AI IV. It had happened when I was ten or eleven years old. I had decided to learn to swim. There was a pool at the Y.M.C.A. in Yakima that offered exactly the opportunity. The Yakima River was treacherous. Mother continually warned against it and kept fresh in my mind the details of each drowning in the river. But the Y.M.C.A. pool was safe.

Q.1. Who is 'I' in the above lines?

- (A) The narrator
- (C) The young boy

- (B) The coach
- (D) Father of the young boy

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. Why did mother not allow 'I' to learn swimming in a river?

- (A) Religion did not allow this.
- (C) Afraid about safety of her child.

- (B) Social barriers to learn swimming.
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.3. What was reported to 'I'?

- (A) Coldness of water in Yakima river.
- (C) Drowning cases in Yakima river.

- (B) Coldness of water in swimming pool.
- (D) Drowning cases in swimming pool.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. How was Y.M.C.A. a safe pool?

- (A) It had warm water.
- (B) It was open only during day time.
- (C) It had no water animals in it.
- (D) It was two to three feet deep at the shallow end.

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

V. 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.

Q.1. From which story have these lines been taken?

- (A) The Portrait of a Lady
- (c) Deep Water

- (B) Should Wizard Hit Mommy?
- (d) The Enemy

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. How did the author try to learn swimming?

- (A) Self-learning at Yakima river.
- (c) Learned from friends.

- (B) Joined Y.M.C.A. pool.
- (D) Learned from a website

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. What change did the author feel after sometime?

- (A) Gained confidence
- (c) Started hating water

- (B) Felt afraid
- (d) None of these

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. What misadventure the author is referring to?

- (A) Tossed by a boy in pool.
- (B) Lost balance and fell into Yakima river.
- (C) Saw a friend drowning in water.
- (D) Chased by a crocodile when under water.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.