

Q.1**Extract 1**

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. It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end; and while it was nine feet deep at the other, the drop was gradual. I got a pair of water wings and went to the pool. I hated to walk naked into it and show my skinny legs. But I subdued my pride and did it.

(a) Who is 'I' in the above lines?

- (1) President Roosevelt
- (2) The instructor
- (3) William Douglas
- (4) Alphonse Daudet

(b) What does the word 'Treacherous' mean?

- (1) Dangerous
- (2) Safe
- (3) Punitive
- (4) All of these

(c) How was YMCA pool safer?

- (1) For it had instructors
- (2) For it had life guards
- (3) For it had shallow water to learn swimming
- (4) All of these

(d) What does the speaker mean by 'I subdued my pride'?

- (1) Put pride down by force
- (2) Brought pride out of control
- (3) Raised his pride
- (4) All of these

Q.2**Extract 2**

From the beginning, however, I had an aversion to the water when I was in it. This started when I was three or four years old and father took me to the beach in California. He and I stood together in the surf. I hung on to him, yet the waves knocked me down and swept over me. I was buried in water. 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.

(a) Who is the author of Deep Water?

- (1) John Updike
- (2) Gertrude Simmons
- (3) William Blake

- (4) None of these
- (b) What does the word 'Revived' mean?**
- (1) Given fresh life
- (2) Restored to consciousness
- (3) Resuscitated
- (4) All of these
- (c) What does the speaker mean by 'I was buried in water'?**
- (1) That he was drenched
- (2) That he was drowned
- (3) That he lost his breath in the pool
- (4) All of these
- (d) Why did he go to Y.M.C.A pool?**
- (1) Because it was safer
- (2) Because it was riskier
- (3) Because it had personal instructor
- (4) All of these

Q.3**Extract 3**

I went to the pool when no one else was there. The place was quiet. The water was still, and the tiled bottom was as white and clean as a bathtub. I was timid about going in alone, so I sat on the side of the pool to wait for others. I had not been there long when in came a big bruiser of a boy, probably eighteen years old. He had thick hair on his chest. He was a beautiful physical specimen, with legs and arms that showed rippling muscles. He yelled, "Hi, Skinny! How'd you like to be ducked?" With that he picked me up and tossed me into the deep end.

- (a) Who threw the narrator into the pool?**
- (1) Big bully
- (2) Big lad
- (3) Big chap
- (4) All of the above
- (b) What does the word 'Timid' mean?**
- (1) Bold
- (2) Coward
- (3) Lazy
- (4) Agile
- (c) Who has been called 'Skinny' in the extract?**
- (1) The instructor
- (2) William Douglas
- (3) Douglas Mother
- (4) Both i and ii
- (d) Name the chapter.**
- (1) Deep water
- (2) On the Face of It
- (3) Evans Tries an O Level
- (4) Indigo

Q.4

Extract 4

I landed in a sitting position, swallowed water, and went at once to the bottom. I was frightened, but not yet frightened out of my wits. On the way down I planned: When my feet hit the bottom, I would make a big jump, come to the surface, lie flat on it, and paddle to the edge of the pool. It seemed a long way down. Those nine feet were more like ninety, and before I touched bottom my lungs were ready to burst. But when my feet hit bottom I summoned all my strength and made what I thought was a great spring upwards. I imagined I would bob to the surface like a cork. Instead, I came up slowly.

(a) What does the phrase 'Frightened out of wits' imply?

- (1) Badly scared
- (2) Badly wounded
- (3) Badly managed
- (4) All of these

(b) Where is the narrator?

- (1) At Yakima river
- (2) At Tieton
- (3) At YMCA Pool
- (4) None of these

(c) What strategy was made by the narrator to rescue him?

- (1) To swim across the pool and reach safely
- (2) To drown and remember his mother
- (3) To go to bottom, hit it hard and reach the surface
- (4) All of these

(d) What does the speaker mean by 'I summoned all my strength'?

- (1) That he gathered his strength
- (2) That he accumulated his strength
- (3) That he called up his strength
- (4) All of these

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Sol.1 (a) (3) William Douglas

(b) (1) Dangerous

(c) (4) All of these

(d) (1) Put pride down by force

Sol.2 (a) (4) None of these

(b) (4) All of these

(c) (2) That he was drowned

(d) (1) Because it was safer

Sol.3 (a) (4) All of the above

(b) (2) Coward

(c) (2) William Douglas

(d) (1) Deep water

Sol.4 (a) (1) Badly scared

(b) (3) At YMCA Pool

(c) (3) To go to bottom, hit it hard and reach the surface

(d) (4) All of these