

We're Not Afraid to Die... if We Can All Be Together

Case Study Based Questions

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The first leg of our planned three-year, 105,000 kilometre journey passed pleasantly as we sailed down the west coast of Africa to Cape Town. There, before heading east, we took on two crewmen - American Larry Vigil and Swiss Herb Seigler - to help us tackle one of the world's roughest seas, the southern Indian Ocean.

(A) The narrator's decision of hiring two crewmen was correct. Justify.

(B) Fill in the blank with an appropriate answer.

The phrase 'Passed pleasantly' suggests that.....

(C) What is the tone of the narrator in the given extract?

Ans. (A) The narrator's decision of hiring the two crewmen was absolutely correct as they faced many disasters while sailing through the Indian Ocean, and had the two crewmen be not there, the narrator and his family would not have survived the disasters.

(B) the sail was smooth and free from any disaster.

Explanation:

The phrase 'Passed pleasantly' suggests that the sail down the west coast of Africa to Cape Town was smooth and free from any disaster. The narrator and his family enjoyed the sail.

(C) The tone of the narrator in the given extract is happy and determined. The narrator's sail down the West coast of Africa to Cape Town was smooth and pleasant. He is determined to sail through the Southern Indian Ocean, the world's roughest sea, and for that he had hired two crewmen.

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

December 25 found us 3,500 kilometres east of Cape Town. Despite atrocious weather, we had a wonderful holiday complete with a Christmas tree. New Year's Day saw no improvement in the weather, but we reasoned that it had to change soon. And it did change - for the worse.

(A) What does the statement, "Despite atrocious weather, we had a wonderful holiday complete with a Christmas tree," tell us about the narrator and his family?

(B) Fill in the blank with an appropriate answer.

In the given extract,..... trait of the narrator and his family is shown.

(C) Which of the headlines best suggests the central idea of the extract?

- (a) Good things come to those who wait
- (b) Optimism helps to endure the direst stress
- (c) Burn your boats
- (d) To find a needle in the haystack

Ans. (A) The statement tells us that the narrator had a very loving family. To them, togetherness mattered the most. They could enjoy the festival of Christmas despite the atrocious weather showed their optimistic attitude, towards the situation. They were able to find happiness even in a distressing situation.

(B) optimistic

Explanation: The given extract shows the optimistic attitude of the narrator and his family. It can be seen as they had a wonderful holiday despite the atrocious weather and that they reasoned the weather will change for the better.

(C) (b) Optimism helps to endure the direst stress

Explanation: The optimistic attitude of the narrator and his family helped them to enjoy their festival and had a wonderful holiday with a Christmas tree despite the atrocious weather. Hence, (b) is correct.