**Deep water**

Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct option to answer each question.

1. What does Y.M.C.A stand for?

a) Young Men’s Creative Activities.

b) Young Men’s Christian Association.

c) Yankee Musical Central Academy.

d) Yorkshire Monetary Collection Assistance.

2. What aversion did the writer have from the beginning?

a) Aversion to swimming. b) Aversion to water.

c) Aversion to the beach. d) All of these three.

3. Why did the writer hang on to his father?

a) Because he didn’t know how to swim.

b) Because he loved his father.

c) Because he feared the waves would knock him down.

d) Because his breath was gone.

4. What made the father laugh?

a) He laughed to see how the waves had knocked Douglas down.

b) He laughed to see that the boy’s breath was gone.

c) He laughed to see that the boy could not swim in the water.

d) He laughed to see that the boy was hanging on to him.

5. Choose the **INCORRECT** set of options that tell why Douglas was determined to get rid of his fear of water.

A. Because people laughed at his fear of water.

B. Because he wanted to earn his living by becoming a professional swimmer.

C. Because it had spoiled his joy of fishing.

D. Because it had spoiled his joy of boating.

E. Because it had spoiled his joy of swimming.

F. Because it had spoiled his joy of adventures.

a) A, B b) C, D c) E, F d) C, E.

6. Choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following questions:

(A) Why was the writer sitting on the side of Y.M.C.A pool?

(B) What did the eighteen-year-old boy do to the writer?

a) (A) He was waiting for his father. (B) He taught him swimming.

b) (A) He was watching the other swimmers in the pool. (B) He gave him a life-saving tube.

c) (A) The writer was alone and was afraid of going into the pool alone. (B) He picked the writer up and tossed him into the pool.

d) (A) He was waiting for his friends. (B) He encouraged the writer to swim.

7. Choose the **INCORRECT** option about the meaning of the writer’s words …. ***‘The instructor was finished. But I was not finished’.***

A. The instructor thought that the writer still had to develop more skills.

B. The writer thought that he had become the complete swimmer.

C. The instructor thought that the writer had become the complete swimmer.

D. The writer was not sure about his swimming skills.

E. The writer thought that his fear of water might come back.

F. The writer wanted to try himself still more in the pool.

a) A, B b) C, D c) E, F d) C, F.

8. Choose the option that lists the statement which is **NOT** **TRUE**.

A. Douglas had an experience of the fear of death.

B. Douglas had an experience of sensation of death.

C. Douglas concluded that there was terror only in the fear of death.

D. He concluded that in death there was peace.

E. He concluded that what one needs to fear is death.

F. He concluded that in death there is fear.

a) A, B b) C, D c) E, F d) B, C.

9. Choose the correct option with reference to the statements given below:

Statement A: The instructor was an intelligent person.

Statement B: The narrator was an experienced swimmer.

a) Both statements are true.

b) Both statements are false.

c) Statement A is true and Statement B is false.

d) Statement A is false and Statement B is true.

10. Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s (F) and opinion/s (O) of the students below.

Student A: The writer had a great fear of water due to the two un-pleasant incidents that had taken place during his childhood.

Student B: Yes, the incident of Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire had filled him with fear.

Student C: No, buddy, that incident in fact helped him to overcome his fear of water instead.

Student D: Yes, the incident of beach in California and Y.M.C.A pool had filled him with fear.

a) F—A, B O—C, D b) F—A, B, D O—B

c) F—B, C O—A, D d) F—A, D O—B, C.

11. When Douglas was drowning in the Y.M.C.A pool what plan to escape did he make to save himself?

a) He would hit the bottom and make a big jump.

b) He would move his arms very fast to reach at the surface of water.

c) He would hold another swimmer to escape drowning.

d) He would call the life guard.

12. How did Douglas feel after having the experience of drowning in the Y.M.C.A pool?

a) He could eat nothing that night due to fear.

b) He shook and cried when he lay on his bed.

c) He was feeling very weak.

d) All of these three.

13. How did the instructor train Douglas?

a) He trained Douglas with the help of an overhead pulley.

b) He taught Douglas to exhale under the water.

c) He taught Douglas to inhale above the water.

d) All of these three.

14. Which of the following characteristics are apt that help Douglas to overcome his fear of water?

a) Optimism. b) Determination. c) Hard work. d) All of these three.

15. How long did Douglas swim in the Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire?

a) One mile. b) Two kilometres. c) One kilometre. d) Two miles.

Very short answer type questions: (For RTC purpose)

1.What was the desire of Douglas since childhood?

Ans. To learn swimming

Who warned Douglas and for what?

Ans. Mother, not to go to river Yakima

3.When and where was Douglas taken and by whom?

Ans. Father, at the age of 3-4,California beach.

4.What is Yakima? Why was it considered treacherous?

Ans. Name of a city and river / many persons had drowned in it.

What is Y.M.C.A?

Ans. Name of an organisation Young Men’s Christian Association

When and where occured two unpleasant incident?

Ans. At the beach 3-4 years old , at YMCA pool 10-11 years old.

7.Who threw/tossed him into the deep end of the pool?

Ans. Big / strong boy of 18 / Big Bruiser of a boy

How many time did Douglas go down in the pool water ?

Ans. thrice/three times

What is misadventure?

Ans. A mishap that occurred at YMCA pool of Douglas

getting drowned.

10.Why did Douglas choose the YMCA pool for swimming ?

Ans. It was safe

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

Ans. To enjoy boating, fishing, swimming etc.

12.In how many months from when to when did the

instructor train Douglas for swimming?

Ans. 6 months (October to March)

13.Why did Douglas go to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire?

Ans.To remove his doubts about his fear of water.

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

Ans. Went to the Warm Lake and swam across to the other shore and back.

15.Who said ‘All we have to fear is fear itself’? Explain with reference to Deep Water?

Ans. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Douglas has experienced both the sensation of dying and terror that fear of it can produce.

16.What ruined Douglas’ fishing trips?

Ans. Fear of water stopped him.

17.’The instructor was finished but I was not finished’ means –

Ans. Instructor’s job was over but Douglas had some fear of water

18.‘Then all efforts ceased’ means –

Ans. Douglas stopped making an effort.

19.‘Imagined I would Bob to the surface like a cork’ means –

Ans. To come up to the surface like a cork.

**Short answer type questions:**

1. Why was YMCA pool safe?

Ans. It was two or three feet deep at the shallow end while at the other it was nine feet. Slope was also very gradual and under control.

1. What happened at the beach in California?

Ans.The waves knocked him down and swept over him. He was buried in the water and he was out of breath.

1. It happened at the age of 3-4 years old. What is the ‘misadventure’ at YMCA pool that Douglas speaks about?

Ans. One day at YMCA pool a big bruiser of a boy picked Douglas and tossed him into the deep end. He landed in a sitting position, swallowed water and went at once to the bottom. He feared to drown.

1. How did Douglas overcome his fear of water? (OR) How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer?

Ans.The Instructor’s help with learning techniques. Douglas’ own determination and constant practice.

5.Why did Douglas go to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire?

Ans. He went to lake Wentworth in New Hampshire to remove his doubts and to say farewell to his chronic terror.

6.What lesson did Douglas learn when he got rid of his fear of water?

Ans. What we have to fear is fear itself. It is the ‘will to live’ that removes all our fears, terrors, troubles and difficulties if we struggle hard and make a strong determination to encounter it.

**Long answer type questions:**

Why was William Douglas afraid of water? Describe in 120-150 words.

● At the age of 3-4 experienced unpleasant incident

● Waves swept over him and buried in the water

● Occurred on the beach of California

● At the age of 10-11 experienced another unpleasant incident

● Thrown deep into the YMCA pool by a strong boy

● Made 3 different attempts but failed

● Stark terror overpowered him

● Could not enjoy boating, fishing and swimming

2.How did Douglas overcome his fear of water? OR How did instructor help Douglas to become a swimmer?

● Engaged an instructor

● Practised 5 days a week, an hour a day

● Learnt swimming piece by piece

● Put a belt around Douglas

● A rope was attached to the bell

● Rope went through the pulley

● Pulley ran on a overhead cable

● Went back and forth across the pool

● Taught how to exhale underwater

● Taught how to inhale outside it

● Made him a perfect swimmer