

**Grade XI English Core 301**

**Hornbill Chapter 2: We’re not Afraid…...**

**Question Bank**

**I. Answer the following in about 1 or 2 sentences:**

1. Why did the narrator and his family take on two crew men?

As they needed professional sailors to help them tackle one of the roughest seas- the Indian Ocean.

2. What was alarming about the gales they encountered?

They kept blowing continuously.

3. Why did they expect the weather to change?

They expected the weather to change as there was an ominous silence all of a sudden./ They were entering the Indian ocean, one of the roughest seas.

4. Things did not happen as the narrator expected it to happen. What is the first indication given in the narrative?

They had expected some change in the weather with the new year of 1977. However, the change had been for the worse and not for the better.

5. Why did he describe the silence as ominous?

He describes the silence as ominous because it was the calm before the storm. The silence was an indication of the strong winds and waves that followed.

**II. Answer** **the following by choosing the correct options: (1x5= 5)**

1. **What does ‘Mayday call’ mean?**  
   A. Call made in the month of May B. Distress call for help  
   C. Both A and B D. mode of mutual communication for ship crew
2. **Where had they reached on the 25th of December?**  
   A. 3,500 kilometres east of Cape Town  
   B. they were suffering the waves away from Cape Town  
   C. 2500 km from Cape Town  
   D. reached Cape Town
3. **When did they reach lle Amsterdam?**

A. around 6 pm in the evening B. on second January 1976

C. at 11 in the next morning D. on Christmas morning

4**. What had happened to Sue when the author entered their room to check on them?**  
 A. her head hurt as there was a bump on it  
 B. She was unconscious from the fall  
 C. her legs hurt as she was thrown overboard  
 D. she was being tossed about in the cabin

**5. What did the author see when his head popped out of the water?**  
 A. the ship was sinking  
 B. the ship was nowhere to be seen  
 C. the ship was near capsizing, her masts almost horizontal  
 D. It was still standing.

**III. Read the given passage and answer the questions by choosing the right option: (1x5=5)**

*I half-swam, half-crawled into the children’s cabin. “Are you all right?” I asked. “Yes,” they answered from an upper bunk. “But my head hurts a bit,” said Sue, pointing to a big bump above her eyes. I had no time to worry about bumped heads. After finding a hammer, screws and canvas, I struggled back on deck. With the starboard side bashed open, we were taking water with each wave that broke over us. If I couldn’t make some repairs, we would surely sink.*

1. Who was Sue?
2. A newly added crew
3. Jordon Cook’s daughter
4. James Cook’s daughter
5. The maid on board
6. Where was the narrator half swimming and half crawling to?
7. Towards the ship after being thrown over-board
8. To deck of the ship from the lower deck
9. To the children’s cabin
10. To the steering of the boat to help his wife
11. Why was the ship taking in more water?
12. Because the waves rushed into the boat
13. Because the starboard was under water
14. Because the starboard side was bashed open
15. Because there was a hole in the middle of the boat
16. Which of the following was not needed to repair the ship?
17. Hammer and screws
18. Hammer, screws and canvas
19. Wood pieces, oil skins and steering
20. Screws and canvas
21. Which is word is the antonym of ‘destruct’ in the passage?
22. Starboard
23. Bumped
24. Repair
25. crawl

**Answers:**

**II.** 1. B, 2. A, 3. A, 4. A, 5. C

**III.** 1. B, 2. C, 3. C, 4. C, 5. C