



ENGLISH

Deep water, Indigo

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DEEP WATER

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

A. Then all effort 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.

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.

2. The 'curtain (of life) fell' corresponds to an aspect of

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

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.

4. Which option indicates that the poet lost consciousness?

- A) 'It was quiet and peaceful.'
- B) 'I crossed to oblivion.'
- C) 'Tender arms like Mother's.'
- D) 'It wiped out fear.'

Answers:

- 1. A) If Statement 1 is the cause, Statement 2 is the effect.
- 2. D) Drama
- 3. B) indicate pauses
- 4. B) 'I crossed to oblivion.'



B. But I was not finished. I still wondered if I would be terror-stricken when I was alone in the pool. I tried it. I swam the length up and down. Tiny vestiges of the old terror would return. But now I could frown and say to that terror, “Trying to scare me, eh? Well, here’s to you! Look!” And off I’d go for another length of the pool.

1. Find a synonym of trace-
2. Did the narrator actually speak to the terror?
3. What quality can be seen in the author?
A Courage
B Terror
C fear
D All of these

Answers.

1. Vestige
2. No, he said this in his mind.
3. A Courage

Short questions:

- i Seemingly small everyday wins are actually the greatest learnings of life. Comment on the statement with reference to the chapter “Deep Water”.
- ii If you could give the chapter a new title, what would it be? Support your answer with reference to the chapter “Deep Water”.
- iii Getting rid of fear is an extremely difficult task. Elucidate with reference to the chapter “Deep Water”.

INDIGO

Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow:

A) They had merely heard that a Mahatma who wanted to help them was in trouble with the authorities. Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British. The officials felt powerless without Gandhi’s cooperation. He helped them regulate the crowd. He was polite and friendly. He was giving them concrete proof that their might, hitherto dreaded and unquestioned, could be challenged by Indians. The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.

- 1 . The officials felt powerless because
A. of Gandhi’s refusal to cooperate with them.
B. of Gandhi’s polite and friendly behavior.
C. The crowd was listening only to Gandhi.
D. the crowd was getting violent.
Ans. C. The crowd was listening only to Gandhi.

- 2 The demonstration proved that the
A. policies of the British had failed.



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- B. dread instilled in the hearts of Indians had begun to lessen.
 - C. dealings with the Indian citizens had been unsuccessful.
 - D. might of the British had not been understood by Indians.
- Ans. B. dread instilled in the hearts of Indians had begun to lessen.

3 Which style, from those given below, is being used by the author, when he says, “Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.”?

- A. humorous
 - B. dramatic
 - C. sarcastic
 - D. persuasive
- Ans. C. sarcastic

4 Gandhiji’s behavior towards the British prior to the proposal of postponement of the trial was that of

- A. indifference.
 - B. calm acceptance.
 - C. ignorance of consequences.
 - D. polite helpfulness.
- Ans. B. calm acceptance.

B) The official inquiry assembled a crushing mountain of evidence against the big planters, and when they saw this they agreed, in principle, to make refunds to the peasants. “But how much must we pay?” they asked Gandhi.

They thought he would demand repayment in full of the money which they had illegally and deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers. He asked only 50 per cent. “There he seemed adamant,” writes Reverend J. Z. Hodge, a British missionary in Champaran who observed the entire episode at close range. “Thinking probably that he would not give way, the representative of the planters offered to refund to the extent of 25 per cent, and to his amazement Mr. Gandhi took him at his word, thus breaking the deadlock.”

1. ‘Crushing mountain’ means _____

- A. To be crushed under a big thing
- B. A lot of
- C. very important
- D. Both b and c

2. Find a synonym of cheating

3. Who is a missionary?

- A. Government official
- B. Religious priest
- C. land owner
- D. Farmer

4. “Mr. Gandhi took him at his word” means –

- A. He accepted the offer there and then
- B. He believed his words



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- C. both a and b
- D. None of these

Answers:

1. B. A lot of
2. Deceitfully
3. B. Religious priest
4. A. He accepted the offer there and then

Short questions:

- i. Gandhi makes it clear that money and finance are a secondary aspect of the struggle in Champaran. Comment on aspect that you think was most important for Gandhi.
- ii. Gandhi was a lawyer himself. Examine how his professional expertise helped in Champaran.
- iii. Explain the possible reasons for Gandhi's quick popularity among the peasants of Champaran.