



ENGLISH DEEP WATER

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Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

1) 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. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened.

1) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below:

Statement 1: The author's father laughed to mock his son's inability to swim.

Statement 2: The author wanted to swim just to prove to his father that he can swim.

- A) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- B) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
- C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.
- D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.

2. "My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears." It can be inferred that this was a clear case of:

- A) suppression
- B) oppression
- C) depression
- D) repression

3. The misadventure that took place right after the author felt comfortable was that:

- A) the author slipped and fell into the swimming pool.
- B) a bully tossed him into the pool for the sake of fun.
- C) his coach forgot to teach him how to handle deep water.
- D) his father couldn't help him from drowning into the water

4. Choose the option that describes the equipment used by the author while learning to swim.



(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)



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A) Option 1

B) Option 2

C) Option 3

D) Option 4

Short answer type questions:

- 1) Which two frightening experiences did Douglas have in water in his childhood?
- 2) Why did the author go to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire?
- 3) What did Douglas experience as he went down to the bottom of the pool for the first time?

Long answer type question:

- 1) 'Desire, determination and diligence lead to success'. Explain the value of these qualities in the light of Douglas' experience in 'Deep Water'?