

Class 12 - English Core Flamingo
Assignment - Deep Water

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

I used every way I knew to overcome this fear, but it held me firmly in its grip. Finally, one October, I decided to get an instructor and learn to swim. I went to a pool and practised five days a week, an hour each day. The instructor put a belt around me.

- i. What did the author finally decide?
 - a. To quit swimming
 - b. To get an instructor and learn to swim
 - c. To call father
 - d. None of these
- ii. For how long did the author practise in a pool?
 - a. Five days a week, an hour each day
 - b. Only weekends, four hours each day
 - c. Six days a week, an hour each day
 - d. Two days a week, five hours each day
- iii. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.

William used every way he knew to overcome this fear.
- iv. Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.

William's fear had released him over time.
- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
 - (1) The author decided to get an instructor.
 - (2) He wanted to learn to swim and get rid of his fear.
 - a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
 - c. (1) is true but (2) is false.
 - d. (2) is the reason for (1).
- vi. Rationalise, to support the given opinion:

The belt around William's waist was put purposefully for safety reasons.

Answer the following questions in about 150 words:

2. How did the experience at the YMCA pool affect Douglas?
3. In order to escape drowning what strategy did Douglas adopt while in the deep end of the pool?
4. How did Douglas' experience at the beach in California affect him? (Deep Water)
5. "I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell." What was the incident which nearly killed Douglas and developed in him a strong aversion to water?
6. How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer?

