

**CBSE TEST PAPER-05**  
**Class 12 English Core (Deep Water)**

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**General Instructions:-**

- All questions are compulsory.
  - Question No.1 to 7 carries 3 marks each.
  - Question No. 8 to 10 carries 6 marks each.
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1. Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?
2. How did the instructor “build a swimmer” out of Douglas?
3. When and how did Douglas develop the fear of water?
4. Why did Douglas try to overcome the fear of water?
5. What did he do to overcome the fear?
6. How did he finally make sure that the fear has vanished?
7. What two things Douglas disliked doing? Which one did he have to do and why?
8. ‘Only those who have known stark terror and conquered it can appreciate. Explain.
9. ‘I put my face under and saw nothing but bottomless water. The old sensation returned in miniature.’ - Elaborate with reference to context ‘Deep Water’.
10. ‘It ruined my fishing trips; deprived me of the joy of canoeing, boating, and swimming’. Explain.

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**Answers**

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1. Douglas was determined to get over his fear of water because he wanted to enjoy water sports and fishing. His trips of wading to Cascade waters, swimming in the lake or fishing, rafting, boating or canoeing were ruined by the fear of water.
2. The instructor built a swimmer out of Douglas by training him the nuances of swimming. He taught him to swim, dive off and swim the length of the pool, crawl stroke etc. He almost took the fear out of Douglas.
3. Douglas developed the fear of water when he was very young. His father took him to a beach. He was holding his father's hand when a wave knocked him down and swept over him.
4. Douglas tried to overcome the fear of water because this fear had ruined his trips to water bodies either for fishing or for boating, rafting, canoeing or for wading. He also wanted to get rid of it because he wanted to experience the joy of conquering the terror.
5. To overcome the fear Douglas tried to learn swimming. He initially went to the YMCA pool at Yakima to learn it. However, a misadventure at the pool stopped his learning process. Subsequently he hired an instructor and learnt swimming.
6. He went west to Warm Lake, stripped and jumped into it and went across to the other shore and came back. Since the terror did not return he was sure that the fear had vanished.
7. Two things that Douglas hated were - he hated to walk naked into the pool and show his thin legs and he feared going in alone. So, he sat on the side of the pool to wait for others. But he had to go inside the water as no one can learn swimming without going into the water.
8. 'Only those who have known stark terror and conquered it can appreciate. It suggests that everyone can't appreciate conquering of a fear. Unless a person has a phobia and is terrorized by it, he is the right person who can describe the joy he receives on conquering it. Since Douglas had the phobia of water and was able to overcome the terror the overpowering force of water created in his heart and same way others can overcome their fears to enjoy the bliss of conquering an evil.
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miniature'. Douglas describes the sensation he felt when he was drowning. It was the sensation of terror that the water created and brought back the memories of his childhood fear. During his childhood he had experienced the overpowering force of water and was terrorized by it. This terror remained with him for a long time till he learnt swimming and conquered it. Such sensations not only ruin the joy of enjoying something but also spoil the emotions of the person. It was this terror that Douglas was describing about.

10. It ruined my fishing trips; deprived me of the joy of canoeing, boating, and swimming'. It was the fear of water and the terror of the overpowering force of water ruined his trips. When he was a boy of four, he went to a beach with his father. He was holding his father's hand when a powerful wave knocked him down and swept over him. This incident created a terror in his heart. Another incident was at the YMCA swimming pool when he was ducked into the pool and was about to drown. Though he was saved finally, but the terror remained, and it spoiled all his fishing, canoeing and boating trips.