

CHAPTER 3 – DEEP WATER (SATQ)

Q1. Explain the first misadventure happened at California beach?

Douglas had gone to California beach with his father. A strong wave came and knocked him down into water. He got buried in water completely. That experience created hydrophobia in the mind of Douglas.

Q2. Why did the narrator's mother forbid him to go to Yakima River?

The narrator's mother forbade him to go to Yakima River because it was a treacherous river which had taken lives of so many innocent people. Many people had drowned into it.

Q3. How was Y.M.C.A pool safer than Yakima River?

Y.M.C.A was safer than Yakima River because it had trainers and lifeguards who could train and save the people from drowning. Moreover, it was 2 to 3 feet deep from the shallow end and 9 feet deep from the deep end. So, there was a little chance of one's drowning in that pool.

Q4. How did hydrophobia hit the narrator completely?

The second misadventure took place when the narrator was sitting beside the pool. A big, hale & hearty boy came, picked him up & tossed him into the deep end of the pool. Since he was a non-swimmer, he could not come out the water & got gripped in the arms of hydrophobia.

Q5. What was the excuse given by the boy for throwing the boy into the pool?

The boy who had thrown the narrator into the deep end, he thought that narrator was able to swim. According to him, he had not tossed him into the deep end deliberately.

Q6. How did hydrophobia spoil narrator's fishing trips?

Hydrophobia had gripped Douglas completely. He never put his feet into water due to its fear. He could not accompany his friends for rafting, boating, fishing, canoeing and other water activities which made him bored and homesick.

Q7. Why did Douglas hire a personal instructor?

Douglas hired a personal instructor in order to overcome his fear of water. He knew that fear could change his life from heaven to hell. In order to get rid of his fear of water, he decided to hire a personal instructor.

Q8. What techniques were taught by the instructor?

The instructor taught him inhaling & exhaling, paddling, side-stroke, breast-stroke & many more exercise which could help him at the time of drowning. After a bone-break training of six months, Douglas was turned into a perfect swimmer.

Q9. "I crossed the oblivion." Why did Douglas utter these words?

Douglas uttered these words after his third attempt of survival. He tried three times to come to the surface of the water but failed all the time. In the end, he lost all his power of thinking and crossed the last stage. Then, he uttered these words.

Q10. What doubt did Douglas have about his swimming skills?

When Douglas learned swimming comfortably, he was not sure whether he could swim alone in the pool or not. Just to test his skills, he tried to swim alone & succeeded in his mission.

Q11. "Well Mr. Terror, don't try to scare me." Why did Douglas utter these words?

When Douglas was alone in pool, his old fear came back & tried to scare him. But he had made his mind that he would not give up until he succeeded. So he was not afraid of any fear that confronted him on the way.

Q12. How did Douglas make sure that he could swim anywhere?

Having cleared his training, Douglas was doubtful about his swimming in the lakes & rivers. Since he had got his confidence back, he dived into a lake and swam two miles across. In this way, he made sure that he could swim anywhere.

Q13. "All we fear is fear itself." What does this statement signify?

This statement signifies that every human is afraid of the word fear. According to the narrator, the word 'fear' does not exist anywhere in this world except human's heart. So we should throw it out of our life.

Q14. Why did the narrator hesitate in exposing his legs in front of anybody?

The narrator hesitated in exposing his legs as he was skinny and people used to make fun of him. In order to ignore his humiliation, he loved going to the pool alone when no body was there.

Q1. How did the instructor make Douglas a perfect swimmer?

Douglas was gripped in the hands of hydrophobia completely after two misadventures had happened to him. In order to get rid of his hydrophobia, he hired a personal instructor who attached a belt to his waist which was connected to a rope that rope went through a pulley straight into the hands of the instructor. If narrator started drowning, he would pull the rope up and if he was swimming perfectly, he would loosen the rope to make him swim. Repeating, the same procedure for a long time, he made Douglas a perfect swimmer who could swim anywhere without being helped by anybody. Yet, Douglas had residual doubts about his swimming whether he could swim alone in the pool or not. Just to make sure, he dived into the pool and swam to and fro without getting any help from the instructor. In this way, he made him a perfect swimmer bit by bit.

Q2. How did Hydrophobia spoil narrator's life completely?

Douglas had two misadventures in his life which spoiled him completely. At first, he was hit by a strong wave at California beach and secondly he was tossed into the deepest end of the pool by a hale & hearty boy. Those two incidents shook him inside out and made him lame by his attitude. He felt the everlasting attacks of hydrophobia time to time which did not let him go out of his home. He could neither enjoy water activities with his friends nor put his feet into water. As a result, he had to stay at home through out the time. He got the nervous attacks which reminded him of his both the misadventures. His friends would make fun of him & he would have to bear all the embarrassment. In this way, hydrophobia not only spoiled his life but made him homesick and dependent.