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Long Walk To Freedom

1. Why did such a large number of International leaders attend the inauguration? what did it signify the triumph of?

Ans:- A large number of international guests graced the inauguration ceremony of Nelson Mandela. They came there to convey their solidarity with South Africa. They appreciated the common victory South Africans achieved. It was a common victory for justice; for peace; for human dignity. It signified the triumph of love over hatred; of freedom and equality over oppression.

2. What does Mandela mean when he says he is "simply the sum of all those African patriots" who had gone before him?

Ans:- Thousands of South Africa's people made many unimaginable sacrifices. They underwent suffering undecipherable. They exhibited courage that had no peer. Mandela felt, rightly too, that he was the sum of all those African patriots who fought for peoples' rights. That noble line ended once. It began again with Mandela. He felt bad that those leaders were not there to see the fruits of struggles and sacrifices.

3. Would you agree that the "depths of Oppression" create "heights of character"? How does Mandela illustrate this?

Can you add your own examples to the argument?

Ans:- Nelson Mandela's observation was insightful. As a result, his ideas were both clear and noble. He noticed that his people were subjected to inhuman oppression. That left them with deep and lasting wounds. Those profound wounds brought out from within those victims diamonds of personality. He proclaimed that the depths of oppression created heights of characters. He quoted examples of the Tambo, the Sisulus, etc. Innumerable are instances from our own times and land to support the point.

4. How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?

Ans:- For Mandela, as a boy, freedom meant swimming in the clear stream when he wanted. As a young student, Mandela thought freedom to be a chance to go to a place of his choice, at an hour that suited him. But as he grew up and matured, his concept of freedom turned deep and philosophical. It meant an opportunity to make a living, leading life with dignity, enjoying equality, etc. Evolution of Mandela's concept of freedom is commendable.

5. How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life?

Ans:- Nelson Mandela had insatiable hunger for freedom; for freedom of all his people. That hunger transformed a frightened young man into a bold fighter. It drove a law-abiding attorney to become a Criminal. It made a family-loving husband a man with no home. That turned. It made a family-loving husband a man with no home. That turned a life-loving man into a monk. Hunger for freedom changed Mandela completely.