



# DEEP WATERS

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# Short Answer Questions (30-40 words)

- 1) Which two incidents in Douglas' early life made him scared of water?
- 2) Which factors made Douglas decide in favour of YMCA pool to learn swimming?
- 3) What were the series of emotions and fears that Douglas experienced when he was thrown into the pool?
- 4) How did his swimming instructor 'build a swimmer' out of Douglas?
- 5) How did Douglas make sure that he conquered the old terror?
- 6) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?
- 7) What did Douglas experience when he went down to the bottom of the pool for the first time?



## Long Answer Type Questions (6 Marks, 120-150 words)

- 1) *“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?
- 2) Douglas fully realised the truth of Roosevelt’s statement, *“All we have to fear is fear itself.”* How did this realisation help him brush aside his fear and become an expert swimmer?
- 3) *“.....there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves.”* When did Douglas start fearing water? Which experience had further strengthened its hold on his mind and personality?
- 4) Describe the misadventure that initiated Douglas’ hydrophobia.



# CHALLENGE QUESTION

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- 1) It is Douglas' will power that enabled him to overcome his fear of water. This reveals that with a strong will human beings can overcome all kinds of fear. Explain with two illustrations from real life.
- 2) Determination and perseverance can help us to overcome most obstacles in life. Give personal examples to justify this statement.