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Question 1.

(a) I saw individual stars, but I could not distinguish constellation the they belonged to. Then dawn came and put out all my stars.

Therefore constellation means \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) Indeed there had been a rumbling distant for some time, although I had paid no attention to it. Now I started listening and I thought it sounded like the characteristic noise of jet airplanes constantly landing and taking off.

Therefore rumbling means \_\_\_\_\_.

(c) The wave did not break over me as I assumed it would. An irresistible force dragged me up its steep slope, right to the very foot of the falling crest.

Therefore irresistible means \_\_\_\_\_.

(d) For a moment I found myself in the air under the crest, as if in a cave.

Then, my body was in swirling the current of water; the inner power of the wave turned me head over heels several times, twisting me in all directions before it tired.

Therefore swirling means \_\_\_\_\_.

(e) Around me I could see random currents of water, splashes of foam and phosphorescent spray all swirling about.... I left a trail of luminous water and my body glittered like some princess's ball gown.

Therefore phosphorescent means \_\_\_\_\_.

(f) It was a gigantic wave with steep, very slowly falling crests. Never in my life had I seen such an enormous wave. It seemed to be touching the sky.

Therefore gigantic means \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer:

(a) Therefore constellation means a group of stars

Clue: Opposite of individual

(b) Therefore rumbling means a deep thundering sound

Clue: It sounds like a jet plane constantly taking off and landing

(c) Therefore irresistible means what cannot be avoided

Clue: A force that drags one up

(d) Therefore swirling means and moving around quickly in circle

Clue: "twisting in all directions"

(e) Therefore phosphorescent means a dim light

Clue: "a trail of luminous water and my body glittered"

(f) Therefore gigantic means huge in proportion

Clue: "An enormous wave...touching the sky"

Question 2.

1. How long do you think you can stay alive in the water?
2. How will you know which way to swim?
3. What dangers will you face?

Answer:

1. A person can stay alive if he/she does not catch hypothermia. One must try to stay awake and not let fatigue overpower them. One can stay alive for a day or two at least if enormous waves do not swirl him/her into the depths of the sea.
2. One must keep in mind the position of the sun during day and pole star during night to know east and west and north respectively. Thus, one has to remember the direction in which they had to sail to reach the destination and swim accordingly.
3. One can face several dangers in the blue. There can be huge water waves that might force drown the person. If the water will be too cold then the person can catch hypothermia. There is danger of sharks and other marine creatures. Thus, there are several risks involved and it is really difficult to escape such a situation. However, there have been cases in which people have been lucky enough.

Question 4. Below are some incomplete sentences about the story. Complete each sentence appropriately, according to the story.

1. Slava Kurilov was in the water because he... Evidence for this is...
2. His biggest mistake was when he...
3. He decided to die because...
4. He was carried towards the lagoon when he decided to...

Answer:

1. Slava Kurilov was in the water because he... Although nothing much has been provided in the story of how Slava fell in the water, we can assume that he must have slipped off from the liner he was travelling in. Evidence for this is... No concrete evidence has been provided. However, we can assume so as it has been said that Slava saw that the liner had vanished over the horizon.
2. His biggest mistake was when he decided to change the course and headed for the south-west before the second night.
3. He decided to die because the third night had already begun and he had no hope of surviving till the dawn,
4. He was carried towards the lagoon when he decided to keep his body horizontally on the crest of the waves.

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