

## **WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO DIE**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

At that moment, a tousled head appeared by my bunk. "Can I have a hug?" Jonathan asked. Sue was right behind him.

"Why am I getting a hug now?" I asked.

"Because you are the best daddy in the whole world — and the best captain," my son replied.

"Not today, Jon, I'm afraid."

"Why, you must be," said Sue in a matter-of-fact voice. "You found the island."

"What!" I shouted.

"It's out there in front of us," they chorused, "as big as a battleship."

- i. What is the name of the author?
  - a. Gordon Hook and Alan East
  - b. Gordon Cook and Alan East
  - c. Gordan Book and Alan Ernest
  - d. None of these
- ii. Why was Jonathan excited?
  - a. Because they had discovered a new country
  - b. They had discovered a rare book
  - c. They had discovered an island
  - d. They discovered nothing
- iii. Explained the meaning of 'a tousled head'

- a. tidy and parted hair
- b. untidy and rubbed hair
- c. Long and beautiful hair
- d. None of these.

iv. What does the word, 'Battlefield' represent in the above lines?

- a. A beautiful stadium
- b. A big hotel
- c. An island
- d. None of these

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Unexpectedly, my head popped out of the water. A few meters away, Wavewalker was near capsizing, her masts almost horizontal. Then a wave hurled her upright, my lifeline jerked taut, I grabbed the guard rails and sailed through the air into Wavewalker's main boom. Subsequent waves tossed me around the deck like a rag doll. My left ribs cracked; my mouth filled with blood and broken teeth. Somehow, I found the wheel, lined up the stern for the next wave and hung on.

i. 'Wavewalker' stands for:

- a. The house
- b. A book
- c. The ship
- d. The Pump

ii. Who is the speaker of these lines

- a. Jonathan
- b. Suzanne
- c. The Captain
- d. Both 'a' and 'b'

iii. The speaker was tossed around the deck because:

- a. The sheep was going smoothly
- b. It was facing tough weather of Indian Ocean
- c. The sheep was facing tough weather of the Bay of Bengal
- d. The sheep was going through

iv. What is the meaning of 'Subsequent'

- a. One wave before another
- b. One wave after another
- c. Two waves at a time
- d. None of these.

3. Answer any five out of the following questions in 30 to 40 words :

- i. Whom did the narrator employ and why?
- ii. What preparation did the captain and his wife make for their round the world voyage?
- iii. Why did the narrator tell Amsterdam the most beautiful island of the world?

- iv. 'I did not want to worry you when you were trying to save us all" who said these words and what does it signify?
  - v. How did the crew respond to the impending disaster?
  - vi. Whom did the narrator employ and why?
4. Answer the following questions in 120 to 150 words:
- i. How does the story suggest that optimism to endure the direst stress?
  - ii. Describe how the narrator and other members of the crew faced the ferocity of nature during their round the world voyage?
5. Answer any five out of following:
- i. Where did the captain decided to take the ship to save their lives?
    - a. Kangari Island
    - b. Tasmania
    - c. Ile Amsterdam
    - d. Kings Island
  - ii. How much distance did the Wave-walker cover in the first leg of his journey?
    - a. 104,000 kilometre
    - b. 107,000 kilometre
    - c. 106,000 kilometre
    - d. 105,000 kilometre
  - iii. What does, 'Auxiliary' mean in the following lines?

“The great wave had put our auxiliary engine out of action.”

- a. Supplementary
- b. Necessary
- c. Worthless
- d. Pending

iv. How did the first big/gigantic wave affect the Wave-walker?

- a. It threw the ship over the waves
- b. It submerged the ship deep under sea
- c. It caused the ship capsizing
- d. All of these

v. How much time the captain and his wife spend in enhancing their seafaring skill?

- a. 29 years
- b. 3 Years
- c. 16 Years
- d. 18 Years

vi. How did the author save himself after the first gigantic wave hit the Wave-walker?

- a. By swimming with a raft.
- b. By riding a small dingy.
- c. By grabbing the guard rails.
- d. by taking help from other crew members.

