

**KIIT WORLDSCHOOL**

**ASSIGNMENTS**

CLASS – XI

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

DEEP WATER

By William Douglas

Q1. Why was Douglas determined to get over the fear of water? 2marks

Q2. “All we have to fear is fear itself” says Roosevelt. Explain the importance of the statement. 2

Q3. ‘Courage and optimism help a person overcome the difficult circumstances’. Discuss Deep Water in the light of this statement. 6

4. Find and narrate other stories about conquest of fear and what people have said about courage. For example, you can recall Nelson Mandela’s struggle for freedom, his perseverance to achieve his mission, to liberate the oppressed. Give an account how courage and optimism help a person overcome the difficult circumstances? You may choose any example out of your personal life too. 6

5. How did Douglas overcome his fear of water? 3

6. It is often said that ‘No pains, No Gains’. One cannot get anything if one does not work hard. Write an article on the topic, mentioned above in not more than 120 words. You can take ideas from the following lines:

“ I went to a pool and practiced five days a week, an hour each day. A rope attached to the belt went through a pulley that ran on an overhead cable. He held on to the end of the rope, and we went back and forth, back and forth across the poll hour after hour, day after day, week after week.” 8

7. People say that failures are the stepping stones. They are best teachers. Discuss the aphorism in not more than 120 words. You can take ideas from the following lines:

“ I feared water. I avoided it whenever I could. A few years later when I came to know the waters of Cascades, I wanted to get into them. And whenever I did...... the terror that had seized me in the pool would come back........ I decided to get an instructor and learned to swim”. 8