



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Subject : English

Topics : 1. We 're Not Afraid to Die... if We Can All Be Together
2. Summer of the beautiful White Horse

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	Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each	
1.	<p>What preparations did the author and his wife make for their round the world sea-voyage?</p> <p>The narrator and his wife wanted to 'duplicate' the round-the world voyage made 200 years earlier by Captain James Cook. They had been making formidable preparations for the last 16 years. They built a boat for this purpose and it was a 23 metre, 30 tonne wooden-hulled vessel. They tested it for months in the roughest weather.</p>	3
2.	<p>Who were Larry and Herb? What role did they play?</p> <p>Before heading east from Cape Town, the narrator employed two crewmen. They were Larry Vigil and Swiss Seigler. They were to help them to take one of the world's roughest seas, the Southern Indian Ocean. Larry and Herb did their job well. When the gigantic waves struck Wavewalker, they continued pumping water out of the boat.</p>	3
3.	<p>How did Sue hurt herself and how did she bear the injury?</p> <p>The narrator crawled into the children's cabin to find out if they were safe. Sue told him that her head was hurt a bit. He saw a big bump over her eyes. Sue's head had swollen alarmingly. She showed a deep cut on her arm. However, she did not want to worry them when they were trying to save them all.</p>	3
4.	<p>Why and when did the captain send 'May day calls'? What was the response?</p> <p>On January 2 at 6 pm, Wavewalker was hit by a gigantic wave. The captain and the crew tried their best to pump water out and steer the ship to safety. When nothing seemed to work well, May day calls or SOS signals were sent for rescue and help. But they didn't get any replies. It was not surprising in that remote corner of the world.</p>	3
5.	<p>Describe Ile Amsterdam. How did its inhabitants behave with the newcomers?</p> <p>When the narrator rushed on the deck he was relieved to see the outline of Ile Amsterdam. It was a French base and a 'black piece of volcanic rock'. It had little vegetation but still it appeared to be 'the most beautiful island in the world'. They anchored offshore for the night. The next morning all 28 inhabitants of the island cheered them and helped them ashore.</p>	3
6.	<p>Justify the title: 'We're Not Afraid to die...'</p> <p>The lesson is aptly titled, "We're Not Afraid to Die...". These were the words of Jonathan, the son of the narrator. Like his brave father, Jon declared that they were not afraid to die if they could be all together—Daddy and Mummy and Sue and he. These words sum up the courage shown by the narrator, his wife and children and of course, the crewmen.</p>	3
	Answer the following question in 120-150 words	6

	<p>What do you think of the narrator as a captain? How did the crew and the family members show courage during distress?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>We're Not Afraid to Die... is a saga of patience and bravery. Comment. This is a story of human endurance, selflessness and courage in the face of adversity. Traditionally, the captain of the ship must go down with it and attempt only to save the passengers. However, in this story, we see other traits in the narrator, which make him a good captain. The narrator was able to think rationally, prioritize and recall important information under distress. He performed repairs as required, identified nearest land, made intense calculations despite lack of proper equipment, did not convey his fears to his crew, and presented a confident face throughout enhancing the morale of his team. The narrator's family and crew showed unconditional team spirit during adversity. His wife helped with the navigation of the ship while his children offered moral support. The crewmembers Larry and Herb worked tirelessly and did not abandon the ship. Despite their young years, Jonathan and Suzanne showed courage and optimistic fervor. Suzanne did not bother her parents with her injuries no matter how extensive they were. She also made a card for her parents to show her love and gratitude. Jonathan claimed he was not afraid even to die if he were with his family.</p>	
	The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse	
	Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.	
1.	<p>What traits of the Garoghlanian family are highlighted in this story? The Garoghlanian family though now poor, were famous for their honesty. They were proud of their family first, honest next and after that, they believed in right and wrong. None of them would take advantage of anybody in the world. They would not steal even in adverse situations.</p>	3
2.	<p>What conflicting thoughts passed through the narrator's mind on seeing Mourad on a beautiful white horse early one morning? The narrator was surprised. He knew that his cousin Mourad could not have bought the horse, he must have stolen it. However, family pride came in the way. He refused to believe that he had stolen it.</p>	3
3.	<p>Give examples to show why cousin Mourad was considered one of the craziest members of the narrator's family. Cousin Mourad had a crazy streak. He was quite crazy about horses. He kept the stolen white horse for about six weeks, rode it, loved it, fed it well and hid it in a deserted yard. When he sang in the open countryside, it seemed as if he were roaring.</p>	3
4.	<p>Why does the narrator mention uncle Khosrove? Which characteristic features of the man are highlighted? Cousin Mourad seemed to inherit the crazy streak of uncle Khosrove. He was a big man with a powerful head of black hair and very large moustache. He was quite furious in temper, very irritable and impatient. He would stop anyone from talking by roaring his pet phrase, "It is no harm; pay no attention to it".</p>	3
5.	<p>What do you think, induced the boys to return the horse to its owner? The boys were impressed by John Byro's attitude towards their parents and family. He knew their parents very well and so believed whatever the boys said. Secondly, the fame of their family for honesty was well-known to him. The boys returned the horse to him for the sake of family pride and dignity.</p>	3

	Answer the following question in 120-150 words(for practice)	6
	Narrate the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' in your own words.	