



**Multiple Choice Questions**

- For how many hours had they survived after the impact before making the required amendments to reach Australia?**  
(a) 12 hours (b) 20 hours  
(c) 15 hours (d) 36 hours
- How many years did Gordon and his wife spend honing their seafaring skills to undertake the journey?**  
(a) Sixteen years (b) Six years  
(c) Seventeen years (d) Ten years
- What was the status of the ship on January 3?**  
(a) They were still struggling to control the pumps.  
(b) Everything was just right.  
(c) Condition was getting worse.  
(d) Pumps had the water level sufficiently under control.
- Whose accomplishment was Gordon and his wife influenced by to undertake the journey around the world?**  
(a) Jules Verne (b) Larry Vigil  
(c) James Cook (d) Herb Seigler
- What was their first meal in two days?**  
(a) Corned beef and cracker biscuits (b) Bread and milk  
(c) Meatloaves (d) Noodles
- When did the waves start getting gigantic?**  
(a) November 30 (b) December 31  
(c) December 25 (d) January 2
- Why were the waves alarming as Gordon and his crew sailed east away from Cape Town?**  
(a) They were about 10 metres high. (b) They were about 15 metres high.  
(c) They were about 12 metres high. (d) They were about 20 metres high.

8. **On which date did they reach the island of Ile Amsterdam, as mentioned in the prose WE Are Not Afraid To Die?**
- (a) January 6 (b) January 7  
(c) January 4 (d) January 5
9. **Who said, We're sinking!?**
- (a) His crewmen (b) His son  
(c) Mary (d) His daughter
10. **What had happened to Sue when the author entered their room to check on them?**
- (a) She was unconscious (b) She was fine  
(c) Her legs hurt (d) Her head hurt as there was a bump

### Fill in the blanks :

11. The narrator set sail from \_\_\_\_\_ in July 1976.
12. The author's boat was named \_\_\_\_\_.

### True / False

13. The family's boat was named "Seawalker".
14. Mary and Gordon ate their first meal in almost two days after the water level was under control.

### Very Short Type Questions

15. List the steps taken by the captain to check the flooding of the water in the ship.
16. What happened on second day of the journey out of Cape Town?

### Short Type Questions

17. When and with whom did the narrator of the story We Are Not Afraid to Die begin his voyage?
18. What was the purpose of the writer's voyage?

### Essay Type Questions

19. What damage did Wavewalker suffer as a result of bad weather?
20. Give a character sketch of Suzanne.

21. **Assertion (A)** : The family survived the worst storm in the Indian Ocean..

**Reason (R)** : The electric pump worked perfectly and removed all water.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true, but R is false.
- (d) A is false, but R is true.

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1. (c)  
 They had survived for 15 hours after the impact of the wave. However, they wouldn't have been able to do so till the time they reached Australia if it were not the continuous efforts of Gordon, Mary, the two crewmen and the children.
2. (a)  
 Gordon and his wife Mary had spent sixteen years in honing their seafaring skills during the leisure hours to embark on this journey and fulfill their dream.
3. (d)  
 By morning on January 3, the pumps had the water level sufficiently under control.
4. (c)  
 The couple was hugely influenced by James Cook and dreamt to duplicate the round-the-world voyage made about 200 years earlier by Captain James Cook.
5. (a)  
 Mary found some corned beef and cracker biscuits, and they ate their first meal in almost two days.
6. (d)  
 At dawn on January 2, the waves were gigantic.
7. (b)  
 As they sailed east away from Cape Town, they witnessed strong gales. However, more than the gales, the size of the waves was alarming as they went up to about 15 metres high which were as high as their main mast.
8. (a)  
 On the morning of January 6, the wind had eased down and Gordon did some calculations with which he hoped to reach the island of Ile Amsterdam. He instructed Larry to steer a course of 185 degrees and to their relief, the crew reached the island by nightfall.
9. (c)  
 Mary screamed, "We're sinking!"
10. (d)  
 When the author half-swam, half-crawled into the children's cabin to check on them, Sue said that her head hurts as there was a bump.
11. Plymouth, England
12. Wavewalker
13. False
14. True

15. The steps taken to check the flooding of the ship were: He took some waterproof hatch covers, screwed them across the big holes. Thus, he tried to check the flooding in of water and was successful in his task.
16. On the second day of the journey out of Cape Town they encountered gales hails for the next few weeks, they blew continuously with some of them causing the waves rise up to the height of 15 m.
17. The narrator began his sea voyage in July 1976. He had his wife Mary, six-year-old son Johnathan and seven-year-old daughter Suzanne with him. They set sail from Plymouth, England.
18. The narrator wanted to go on a voyage round-the-world. He wanted to follow the same route which had been followed by Captain James Cook 200 years ago.
19. Mighty waves struck 'Wavewalker'. The decks were smashed. Water was gushing in through holes and openings. The whole starboard side had bulged inwards. Clothes, crockery, charts, tins and toys moved around noisily in deep water. Their hand pumps got blocked up with the debris floating around the cabins. The electric pump short-circuited. The water level rose high. The two spare hand pumps had been wrenched overboard. Waves had also swept off the forestay sail, the jib, the dinghies and the main anchor.
20. Suzanne was the narrator's seven-year-old daughter. She was very brave. She was critically injured at the time the huge wave struck the boat. Her eyes were terribly swollen because of the head injury. There was a cut on her arm also; however, she did not cry. She repeatedly told her father she was alright; the truth was she was not. She had to undergo six minor operations to remove the blood clotting from her brain.
21. (a) The family did survive the storm, but the electric pump had short-circuited, and the narrator had to connect a backup. So the reason is false.