

English Core
Class XI

Topic: " We 're Not Afraid To Die..... If We Can All Be Together "

★ Answer questions:

1. What did the narrator plan to do ?

Ans: The narrator had planned to travel round the world sea voyage on the same way as **Captain James Cook** had done 200 years ago. They had spent all their leisure time with work related to travel on the sea for the past 16 years.

2. Give a brief description of the narrator's boat?

Ans: The narrator prepared a large boat to travel round the world as the **Captain Cook** had done 200 years ago. The boat was called "Wave-Walker". It was 23 metre in length and 30 ton in weight. It was very beautiful and professionally built boat. They had spent several months in making it suitable to the roughest weather in the sea.

3. What lessons do we learn from such hazardous experience when we are face to face with death ?

Ans: Hazardous experiences may bring us face to face with death but they impart us many important lessons of conduct. Life is not always about good things. We must react to dangers and risks with patience. The lessons what we learn from such hazardous experiences are of **courage, keeping cool in the crisis, not giving up hope, keeping on continuous efforts to overcome the crisis , to have patience and fortitude and of working together.**

4. How does the story suggest the optimism helps to "endure the direst stress"?

Ans: Optimism is a determination to overcome difficulties. It helps one to overcome stress and difficulties with ease. The story displayed that survival happens only because of the optimistic struggle which everyone carried on to get rid of difficult situation. The positive outlook of the children infuses positivity in the narrator and reduce his stress, allowing him to think clearly and work fearlessly. Fortunately, their struggle and optimism helped them to steer out of storm and reach the **Ile Amsterdam island.**

5. When and with whom did the narrator begin his voyage ?

Ans: The narrator began his voyage in July 1976. He had his wife **Mary**, six years old son **Jonathan** and seven years old daughter **Suzanne** with him. They set sail from **Plymouth, England.**



6. Whom did the narrator employ and why ?

Ans: The narrator employed two crewmen named **Larry Vigil** who was an American and **Herb Seigler** who was a Swiss. The narrator hired them in order to help them tackle the southern **Indian Ocean** which is known as one of the roughest seas of the world.

★ Long Answer Questions:

1. What difference did you notice between the reaction of the adults and the children when faced with danger ?

Ans: The story "We're not afraid to die... if We can All Be Together" written by **Gordon Cook** and **Alan East**, talked about the sea journey of a 37 years old businessman. The story told us about how they fought each day against the difficult situations and survived till the end. It also pointed out lot of differences between the reaction of the adults and the children when faced with danger. The narrator acted as the ideal captain and worked out every possible way to tackle the storm. His wife **Mary** supported him in the navigation of the ship. **Larry** and **Herb** too worked endlessly to pump out the water. But when things did not seem to work out, the adults lost hope and waited for death. The children were motivated them at this point. They showed maturity and tolerance. His(narrator's) son **Jonathan** expressed his courage when he(Jonathan)said that they are not afraid of dying if they all can be together. His(narrator's) daughter **Suzanne** expressed her love and gratitude for her parents by making a greeting card. She(Suzanne) is strong enough to not let her parents know about her serious injuries. Thus, the story has been described the differences between the reaction of the adults and the children.

