

Subject: English (Class 12th) महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न -उत्तर

✦ 1 Mark Questions (प्रश्न -उत्तर)

1. **Question:** Who is the author of the story "Deep Water"?
○ **Answer:** William Douglas.
2. **Question:** In the poem 'Keeping Quiet', what does the poet Pablo Neruda ask us to count up to?
○ **Answer:** Twelve.
3. **Question:** What was the target of the Tiger King regarding the number of tigers he had to kill?
○ **Answer:** 100 tigers.
4. **Question:** What is the destination of the journey described in 'Journey to the End of the Earth'?
○ **Answer:** Antarctica.
5. **Question:** What part of speech is the word 'Quiet' in the title 'Keeping Quiet'?
○ **Answer:** Adjective.

✦ 2 Mark Questions (प्रश्न -उत्तर)

1. **Question:** Why did William Douglas develop an aversion (fear) to water in his childhood?
○ **Answer:** When he was three or four years old, a huge wave at a California beach knocked him down and swept over him, leaving him breathless and terrified of water.
2. **Question:** What does the poet mean by "an exotic moment" in 'Keeping Quiet'?
○ **Answer:** The exotic moment refers to a rare, beautiful state of total silence where there would be no rush of engines, no noise, and all humans would experience sudden oneness.
3. **Question:** Why did the astrologer predict danger for the Tiger King from the hundredth tiger?
○ **Answer:** The king was born under the star of the Bull. Since the Bull and the Tiger are enemies, the astrologer stated that death would come from a tiger, specifically the 100th one.
4. **Question:** Why is Antarctica the perfect place to study Earth's past, present, and future?
○ **Answer:** Antarctica holds in its ice-cores half-million-year-old carbon records. It has no human population, remaining pure and showing the real impact of global warming.
5. **Question:** What is the central message of the poem 'Keeping Quiet'?

- **Answer:** The central message is to practice temporary stillness and self-introspection, which helps humans stop wars, understand themselves, and live in universal brotherhood.

✦ 3 Mark Questions (प्रश्न -उत्तर)

1. **Question:** How did the swimming instructor 'build a swimmer' out of William Douglas?
 - **Answer:** The instructor trained Douglas in phases. First, he attached Douglas to a rope and pulley to practice in the pool. Then, he taught him to exhale underwater and inhale above it. Finally, he taught him leg kicks. After months of practice, he combined all parts to make Douglas a confident swimmer.
2. **Question:** What efforts did the Tiger King make to find the hundredth tiger when none were left in his kingdom?
 - **Answer:** When his own forests ran out of tigers, the king married a girl from a royal state with a huge tiger population. He killed 99 tigers this way. When the last tiger was still missing, he exempted a village from taxes upon hearing rumors of a tiger, and ordered his Diwan to arrange one, or face dismissal.
3. **Question:** Explain the poetic devices used in the lines: "slender scaffolding" and "clean clothes" from the July syllabus.
 - **Answer:** Both lines use **Alliteration** because the initial consonant sounds are repeated close together ('s' in slender scaffolding, and 'c' in clean clothes), which adds a musical rhythm to the poetry.
4. **Question:** Write a notice for your school notice board inviting students to participate in a Tree Plantation Drive.
 - **Answer:**
ABC HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
NOTICE
 July 04, 2026
TREE PLANTATION DRIVE
 All students are hereby informed that our school is organizing a 'Tree Plantation Drive' on July 10, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the school campus. Chief Guest will be the Local Forest Officer. Interested students should bring one sapling. Register your names with the undersigned by July 8.
Rahul Sharma (Head Boy).
5. **Question:** Change the following sentences into passive voice: (a) The Tiger King killed ninety-nine tigers. (b) Douglas conquered his fear of water.
 - **Answer:**
 - (a) Ninety-nine tigers **were killed by** the Tiger King.
 - (b) His fear of water **was conquered by** Douglas.

✦ 4 Mark Questions (प्रश्न -उत्तर)

1. **Question:** "Fear is our worst enemy, and we must conquer it." Discuss this statement with reference to William Douglas's experience in 'Deep Water'.
 - **Answer:** 'Deep Water' is an inspirational essay that shows how willpower can overcome any deep-seated phobia. Douglas faced two near-death drowning experiences, which left him completely paralyzed with fear. He couldn't enjoy fishing, boating, or swimming. However, he refused to live with this handicap. He hired an instructor, practiced with ultimate discipline, and challenged his fear in open lakes. His journey proves the famous quote by Roosevelt: *"All we have to fear is fear itself."* Conquering fear requires constant effort and strong mental power; once we face our fear directly, it disappears.
2. **Question:** Analyze the theme of environmental degradation as highlighted in Tanishi Joshi's account 'Journey to the End of the Earth'.
 - **Answer:** The chapter raises serious alarms about the rapid destruction of our ecosystem due to human activities. Antarctica, which contains 90% of the world's ice, is melting due to global warming and the rise in global temperature. This causes threats of rising sea levels, which can submerge coastal areas. The depletion of the ozone layer affects the microscopic phytoplankton, which form the base of the entire marine food chain. The author warns us that small changes in the environment can lead to massive global catastrophes, and if we do not limit our carbon footprint immediately, the future of mankind is in great danger.
3. **Question:** Draft an attractive and eye-catching poster on behalf of the local police to create awareness against "Say No to Drugs".
 - **Answer:**
+-----+ | **SAY NO TO DRUGS!** |
| * Drugs lead to physical ruin! |
| * Drugs destroy mental peace! |
| * Drugs bring misery to your family! |
| **CHOOSE LIFE, NOT DRUGS!** |
| Join the fight for a drug-free society. |
| Report drug peddling to Helpline: 1098 |
| *Issued in public interest by: Delhi Police* |
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4. **Question:** Write an article for your school magazine on "The Importance of Physical Fitness and Sports for Youth" in about 120 words.
 - **Answer:** In today's digital era, where youth spend hours glued to smartphones and computers, physical fitness has become more critical than ever. Regular physical exercise and sports play a vital role in the holistic development of a student. They keep our body active, build strong muscles, boost immunity, and prevent lifestyle diseases like obesity and diabetes. Moreover, sports teach us crucial life skills such as discipline, teamwork, leadership, and how to handle failures gracefully. Engaging in sports reduces mental stress and improves focus in academic studies. Therefore, every student must dedicate at least one hour daily to outdoor sports for a healthy mind and body.

5. **Question:** You are Rohan, living at 45, Civil Lines, Indore. Write a formal letter to the editor of a national newspaper highlighting the issue of frequent power cuts during exam times.

○ **Answer:**

45, Civil Lines, Indore

July 04, 2026

The Editor,

The Times of India, Indore

Subject: Frequent power cuts during board examinations.

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the Electricity Board authorities towards the severe problem of frequent and unannounced power failures in our locality.

The board examinations have started, and students are preparing day and night. However, frequent power cuts, especially during evening study hours, cause major disruptions and immense mental stress to the students. Dark streets also lead to security risks. Despite several complaints, no action has been taken yet. I hope the concerned authorities will look into the matter immediately and ensure an uninterrupted power supply during this crucial time.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Rohan