

Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

Previous Year Questions

Q.1. A desire is more personal whereas a vision has broader connotations. You have been asked to present an analysis of Valli's desire and Mandela's vision and how they are respectively fulfilled. Write this presentation draft including your insights, in about 120 words, comparing the approaches of both Valli and Mandela.

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however, One acknowledges that both, Valli and Mandela

(Reference Nelson Mandela - A Long Walk to Freedom Madam Rides a Bus)

Q.2. Nelson Mandela in his inauguration speech says, "We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil."

What is the significance of this statement with reference to the political system that prevailed before this?

Q.3. Read the following extracts and answer the questions

We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination. Never, never, and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another.

The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.

Let freedom reign. God bless Africa!

(Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom)

(i) State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given context:

"We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation."

(ii) State True or False:

When Mandela says, "God bless Africa", he intends to mean well-being and welfare of only black people in South Africa.

(iii) "Nelson Mandela's speech is full of optimism." Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract.

(iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'so glorious', in the given sentence from the extract.

"The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement."

Q.4. Mandela said, "People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love." Discuss.

Q.5. 'No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion'. Do you agree? Elaborate on the basis of the chapter "Nelson Mandela -Long walk to freedom".

Q.6. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

To the assembled guests and the watching world, I said: Today, all of us do, by our presence here confer glory and hope to newborn liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud. We who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

(i) A society that _____ was born out of human disaster.

- (a) all humanity would be proud of
- (b) was full of extraordinary human disaster
- (c) was full of outlaws and fighters
- (d) hosts nations on their soil

(ii) The former outlaws were given the privilege of _____ .

- (a) getting citizenship of their country
- (b) participating in a trade conclave
- (c) finalizing the foreign policy
- (d) hosting the nations of the world on their soil

(iii) The speaker was overwhelmed with the sense of _____ .

- (a) gratitude
- (b) achievement

(c) happiness

(d) charity

(iv) State whether the following statement is True or False:

The common victory was when South Africa did not become an independent nation.

(v) The noun form of the word 'confer' is

(a) conferring

(b) confident

(c) conference

(d) configuring