

Title: The Titanic Disaster

These questions are about the information on the WHOLE text

Question 1:

Put these phrases in the correct order

Text

a) Sinking deep in the North Atlantic...

b) New laws were passed to make sure...

c) White Star employed the shipbuilders Harland and Wolff...

d) ...but it was midnight and most radio operators...

i)

ii)

iii)

iv)

(1 mark)

Question 2

Find and copy the word from page 2 that means lavish and comfortable

(1 mark)

Question 3

Who was William Murdoch and what part did he play?

(2 marks)

Question 4

Complete this table using information on the page.

The date?	What happened?
10 th April 1912	
	Robert Ballard and Emory Kristof found the wreck
March 1909	

(3 marks)

Question 5

What do you think the writer means when he says 'White Star was determined not to be outdone' in paragraph 1?

(2 marks)

Question 6

Choose the best phrase to fit the passage and put a ring round your choice.

John Phillips, the wireless operator, is best described as:

Skilled because he could use Morse code	Unlucky because he died in the tragedy	A brave hero because he stayed at his post even though the ship was sinking	Tired because it was midnight when he sent his messages
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(1 mark)

Question 7

The Titanic's builders had done their best to make her safer than any other ship because?

They had divided the ship's steel hulls into 16 separate compartments	They were trying to get to New York as fast as possible	They had people on the look-out for ice bergs	They had a radio operator to send a distress message.
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(1 mark)

Question 8

The disaster forced the world to take steps to ensure a similar disaster could never happen again. These included..?

Look outs for ice bergs were put aboard ships	All ships, new and old, had to have a radio operator on duty 24 hours a day	All ships had to have sealed compartments below deck	All new ships were ordered to carry lifeboats to seat all their passengers
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(1 mark)

Question 9

Robert Ballard and Emory Kristof found the wreck and...

Sold 20,000 framed pictures of it	Used diving suits to examine the wreck	Used a submersible to take pictures of it	Went to the North Atlantic with an oceanographer
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(1 mark)

Question 10

Find words in the passage which mean the same as these phrases:

Asked for something to be specially made to order	
Sections which are partitioned off	
Powerlessly and defencelessly	
A load to be shipped somewhere	
Notorious and scandalous	

(3 marks)

Question 11

In the paragraph subtitled 'Lifeboats' we are told that 'Captain Smith refused to desert his ship...watching helplessly...' Which two words do you think are the most important in this description to create an image in the reader's mind about the character of Smith? Explain why.

(2 marks)

Question 12

Why did some of the lifeboats leave the ship only half-full?

(2 marks)

Question 13

Give two examples from the text that show it is a non-chronological report.

(2 marks)

Question 14

In the paragraph subtitled 'The Sinking' it says Murdoch gave the order for the ship to be steered 'hard to port', what does this mean?

(1 mark)

Question 15

Do you think Bruce Ismay was wise to prioritise the desire to ensure victory over Cunard in the race for Atlantic passengers when he commissioned the Titanic? Provide examples from the text to back up your opinions.

(3 marks)



Question 16

Underline the sentence that caused people to believe Titanic was impossible to sink.

(1 mark)

Question 17

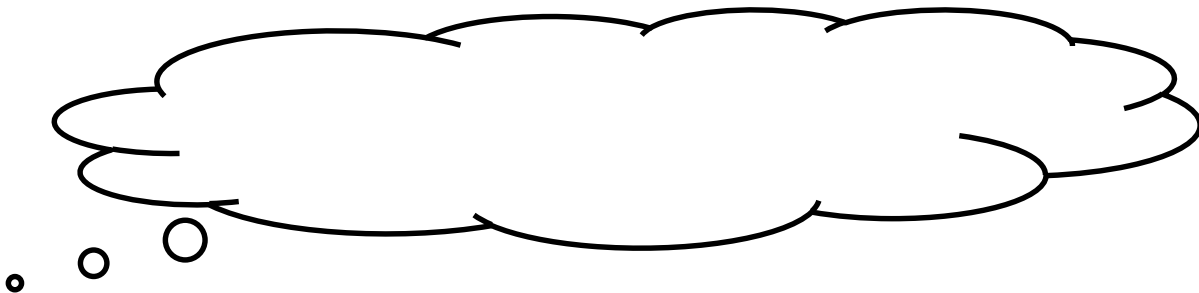
How did the cabins of the first, second and third class passengers differ?

(1 mark)

Question 18

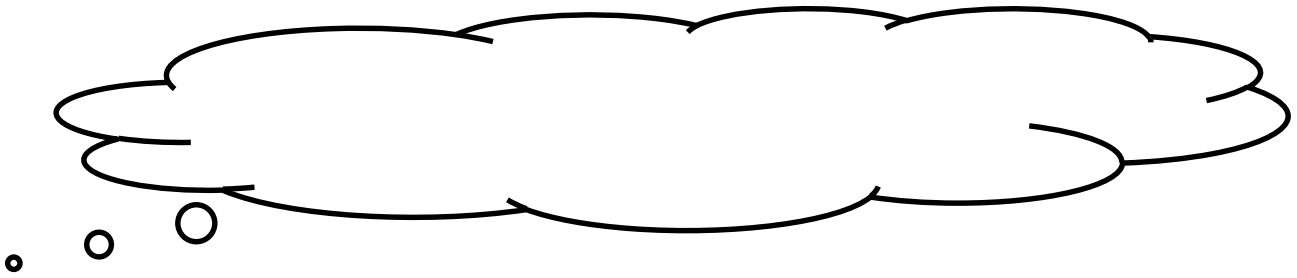
Complete the three thought bubbles to show what you think Bruce Ismay is thinking and feeling at three different points in the story

As the Titanic is launched...



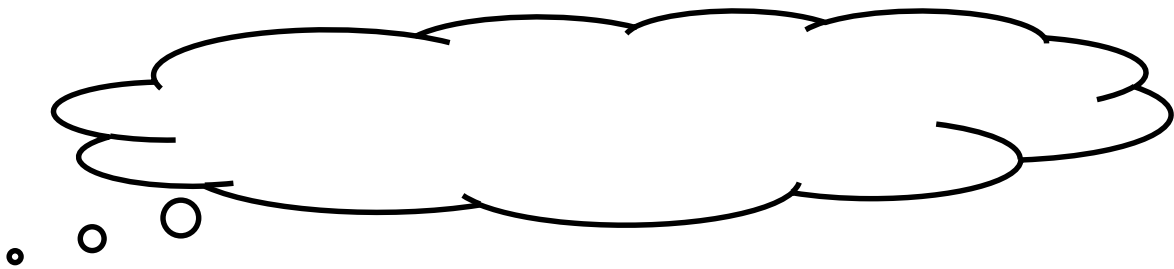
(2 marks)

When he hears the ship has struck an iceberg...



(2 marks)

When he climbs into the lifeboat...



(2 marks)