

## Nelson Mandela Class 10 Questions and Answers

Here are some important questions and answers for A Long Walk to Freedom Class 10:

Q1. At the start of his speech, Mandela talks about “an extraordinary human disaster”. What does this phrase mean and refer to? In connection with this, elaborate on the “glorious human achievement” Mandela talks about before concluding his speech?

Ans1. He referred to the heinous practise of apartheid as “an extraordinary human disaster”. During apartheid in South Africa, there was racial segregation which caused immense suffering to the black community. Demand for freedom or any kind of basic human right was a far-fetched dream. Mandela was himself imprisoned in the infamous “Robben Island” and beaten mercilessly. He considered becoming the 1st Black Prime Minister in South Africa a glorious achievement because South Africa was a country that would even regard black people as human beings let alone give them positions of power.

Q2. When was Nelson Mandela’s A Long Walk to Freedom published?

Ans2. The book was published in December, 1994. There is also a movie on it available on Netflix if you are interested to learn more about the book.

Q3. What does Mandela thank the international leaders for?

Ans3. Mandela’s swearing-in ceremony was historic because not too long ago blacks were considered outlaws in their own motherland. Mandela was honoured to have the international leaders witness this historical moment. Not only was this a sign of international recognition of a newly born democratic south Africa, it was also the victory of peace, justice and humanity.

Q4. What did Mandela think of the idea of “being free” as a boy, and as a student? In what does he saw that idea as “transitory freedoms” in contrast to “the basic and honourable freedoms”?

Ans4. Growing up, freedom for Mandela meant making merry and living a blissful life. But as he grew he realized his childhood antics were wasteful from an adult perspective. As an adult freedom for him meant an honourable existence, earning one’s daily bread and fending for the family.

Q5. What is the theme of Nelson Mandela’s Long Walk to Freedom?

Ans5. The story revolves around the theme of getting freedom after a very long struggle due to the courage of all the people who sacrificed so much for equality and peace in the country, much like India’s own freedom struggle. The celebration when a country gets its freedom is also shown in the story.

Q6. What is the moral of Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom?

Ans6. The moral of the story is that the oppressor and the oppressed both lose humanity. One through hatred the other through oppression and hence both need to be liberated from these inhumane prisons. Mandela's believe that the people are born free of hatred and learn it later is also a very enlightening lesson we learn from the chapter. The people learn to hate and therefore they can also learn to love is a beautiful take away from the lesson.

Q7. What is apartheid? Why did the generals salute Mandela?

Ans7. Apartheid was the political system in South Africa due to which people were discriminated against based on their skin color and hence the native black people had almost negligible rights and freedom. The generals who would have arrested Nelson Mandela a few years ago saluted him and pledged their loyalty to him because he had been one of the key members in their fight against apartheid and now they had won the fight. Nelson was the new president and there was no difference between white and black.

Q8. Why is 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1994 important for South Africa?

Ans8. On 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1994 the first democratically elected government was established with their first non-white president as Nelson Mandela in South Africa. Hence it is a moment of glorious historical significance for the country.

Q9. What are the twin obligations as elaborated by Nelson Mandela?

Ans9. According to Nelson Mandela, a man has two obligations in his life. One is towards his family and friends the other is to his people and country.

Q10. What did courage mean to Nelson Mandela?

Ans10. For Nelson Mandela, Courage doesn't mean the lack of fear but the acceptance and winning over it. He learnt the true meaning of courage from thousands of freedom fighters and people who gave countless sacrifices for their country.