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NOTES

Class - VIII

Subject - English

Topic - BOATING WITH FRIENDS

Q1. RTC-

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- a) Harry is the speaker and George is the listener.
- b) The 'he' being referred to here is Jerome.
- c) Jerome had the pluck to jump into the freezing water for a swim.
- d) This reveals that Harry did not have much confidence in Jerome earlier, but now that he had jumped into the freezing water. Harry showed some admiration for Jerome's courage.

2.

- a) These are Jerome's words, spoken to George.
- b) George is being called a heartless maniac because he was laughing loudly when Jerome, in his hurry to put on his shirt, accidentally threw it into the freezing water.
- c) The speaker is very annoyed and losing his temper at the laughing George
- d) Jerome manages to get the shirt onto the boat's hook and haul it out of the water.

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly-

- 1. The three friends were boating on the Thames and it was six in the morning.
- 2. Jerome and George shared some not so true stories to show off their bravery and courage to each other.
- 3. The three of them had planned to get up early in the morning and leap into the river for a long swim.

4. Jerome pretended to be brave because going for the early morning swim was his idea in the first place. and he desperately wanted to show that it wasn't a hare-brained idea. So he decided to save face by going down to the edge and just dipping his legs in the river.

5. Jerome, who was cold and soaking wet, got back to the boat and was in a hurry to put on his shirt. However, in his haste, he accidentally threw it in the water. This made George burst into laughter as he found it extremely funny.

6 The 'precious moment' was the one in which Jerome realized that it was not his shirt, but George's, which had fallen into the water, Jerome had mistaken it for his in the hurry to get dressed.

7. When Jerome tried to make George see the fun of the entire episode with the shirt, he could not. George was very dense at seeing a joke sometimes, or perhaps he didn't care much about doing to others as he wanted them to do to him. Harry found that really amusing.