

WEAR MASK TO PROTECT
YOURSELF



RAISINA BENGALI SCHOOL ,MANDIR MARG ,NEW DELHI-110001

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS: X B

TEACHER :S MALA

ASSIGNMENT

Book: First Flight

Chapter: Nelson Mandela A Long Walk to Freedom



The South African activist and former president [Nelson Mandela \(1918-2013\)](#) helped bring an end to apartheid and has been a global advocate for human rights. His actions landed him in prison for nearly three decades and made him the face of the antiapartheid movement both within his country and internationally. Released in 1990, he participated in the eradication of apartheid and in 1994 became the first black president of South Africa.



After watching the videos on explanation of the chapter please attempt the following questions.

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Q1 10th May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheater formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government. **[CBSE2015]**

- (a) Who were coming and for what before the inauguration?
- (b) What happened on the inauguration?
- (c) Find out the word that means the same 'commencement' from the passage.
- (d) Find the word from the passage which means 'an open space surround by sloping land'.

Q2 In life, every man has twin obligations- obligations to his family, to his parents, to his wife and children; and he has an obligation to his people, his community, his country. In a civil and humane society, each man is able to fulfil those obligations according to his own inclinations and abilities. But in a country like South Africa, it was almost impossible for a man of my birth and colour to fulfil both of those obligations. In South Africa, a man of colour who attempted to live as a human being was punished and isolated. **[CBSE 2014]**

- (a) What are the obligations that every man has in life?
- (b) Why was it impossible for a coloured man to discharge his obligations?
- (c) Find the word in the passage which has same meaning as 'duty'.
- (d) A word synonymous with 'intentions' is in the passage.

Q3 I was not born with a hunger to be free. I was born free — free in every way that I could know. Free to run in the fields near my mother's hut, free to swim in the clear stream that ran through my village, free to roast mealies under the stars and ride the broad backs of slow-

moving bulls. As long as I obeyed my father and abided by the customs of my tribe, I was not troubled by the laws of man or God. It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first, as a student, I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family—the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life.”

- (a) In what ways was Mandela free?
- (b) What kind of freedom did Mandela yearn for as a man?
- (c) Give the meaning of the word ‘illusion’?
- (d) What do you mean by ‘transitory’.

(taken from CBSE and NCERT Question Bank)