



**St. Mary's School**  
**Class X – English (Chapter: Long Walk to Freedom)**  
**Assignment 1**

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*Read the lesson well and write the questions and answers in your literature copy.*

- . Make sure that you write all the answers neatly and legibility*
  - . Lines have to be drawn after every answer*
  - . The index has to be filled in neatly*
  - . Do not write any answer in points*
  - . Write in paragraphs wherever needed*
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**Nelson Mandela- Long Walk to Freedom**

**Value points**

- Joined the African National Congress
- Fought against apartheid (Apartheid - a political system that separates people according to their race)
- Spent 30 years in prison
- democratic election held in South Africa
- Became the first black president after more than three centuries of White rule- SA's first democratic, non-racial government (freely and fairly elected)

**Short Answer Questions**

**(2 marks)**

Q1. What does Mandela refer to as 'extraordinary human disaster' and 'glorious.... human achievement'?

- Practice of apartheid in SA - racial segregation based on skin colour, Blacks did not have constitutional rights
- End of apartheid regime and the beginning of a more tolerant society

Q2) After achieving political emancipation what does Mandela want to do in SA?

- To liberate the people from the bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination
- He promised that SA would never ever experience the oppression of one by the other

Q3) Why does Mandela call himself the sum of those African Patriots who had gone before him?

- Gratefully acknowledges the sacrifice of thousands of people who fought against the apartheid regime- it was not just his effort, but a collective effort of all who fought against apartheid

Q4) What is the greatest wealth of a country according to Nelson Mandela?

- Africa may be rich in minerals and gems
- But people, the greatest wealth, finer and truer than the purest diamonds

Q5) What according to Mandela is true freedom?

As a boy, freedom meant running freely in fields and to swim in the streams, as a young man- wanted basic and honourable freedoms eg- to earn a living, to marry and have a family

True Freedom- people should be allowed to live a life of dignity and self respect, be allowed to live a lawful life.

### **Long Answer Questions**

**(8 marks)**

Q1) Why was Mandela overwhelmed with a sense of history? What had happened in the first decade of the twentieth century?

- Remind of the time when the white skinned people of South Africa erected a system of racial discrimination against the dark skinned people of their own country
- Created one of the harshest, most cruel societies the world had ever known
- This system overturned for ever
- Recognized the rights and freedom of all people in Africa

Q2) Write a character sketch of Nelson Mandela (120-150 words)