

# Discovery

1. "The Santa Maria will be lighter for his carcass". These words were said by  
a. Diego      b. Francisco      c. Pedro      **d. Guillermo Ires**
2. "A Good sailor knows his place", says Columbus to Diego. This statement is  
a. a piece of advice      **b. an indirect command**      c. an expression of sorrow      d. a cry of horror
3. Columbus feels that his worst enemy is  
a. the angry sea      b. his vision      **c. his uncontrolled tongue**      d. the sailors song
4. Pepe is always eager to say that he is ever----- to Columbus  
**a. loyal**      b. disobedient      c. disloyal      d. unfaithful
6. 'Who's to put him in irons?' challenges Guillermo. The person meant by 'him' in this context is:  
a. Guillermo      b. The first man to move towards Columbus  
c. Columbus      **d. The first man who challenged Columbus**
7. Columbus set out from Spain  
a. for a long holiday      b. to become a new world      **c. to discover a new world**      d. to make new friends
8. Columbus said that he had discovered one thing. It was  
a. there were no butts to discipline      b. a good sailor knows his place  
c. God's will was his will      **d. a man with a vision has to follow it alone.**
9. "Your best cannot be bettered", says Columbus. This implies that  
a. No one is perfect at anytime      **b. There is always scope for improvement**  
c. Once we reach the best, we cannot improve      d. Columbus is not totally happy with Francisco
10. 'I will perform it myself, says Columbus. What does 'it' mean here?  
a. **To navigate the ship forward**      b. To out Guillermo Ires in irons.  
c. To turn back the helps towards Spain      d. To stop the seamen singing
11. After 'a perceptible Pause', who grows more mutinous than others?  
a. Pedro      b. **Guillermo**      c. Diego      d. Francisco
12. "Everybody doubts except me" says.....  
a. Pedro      b. **Pepe**      c. Diego      d. Juan Paton
13. Columbus says, "would God implant desire to solve mystery and he doesn't provide solutions?  
The mood of Columbus in saying this.  
a. Desperate      b. **Trust/Faith in God**      c. Angry      d. Helplessness
14. The seamen were desperate because  
**a. they were tired and wanted to return to their homes and families**  
b. there was a storm in the sea  
c. they were tortured by the captain  
d. the food in the ship was exhausted.
15. "Your duty is to obey me as mine is to obey the Royal sovereigns of Spain who sent me". These words prove that
- 16) The captain of the discovery of The New World(America) was\_\_\_\_  
A. Gullermo Ires      B. Pedro Gutierrez      C. Francisco      **D. Columbus**
- 17) The name of the ship that took Columbus to the New world of America  
**A. Santa Maria**      B Spainia      C. Titanic      D. Britannica
- 18) The seamen were singing the song to  
A. keep their spirits      **B. keep away boredom**      c. enjoy their voyage      D. find the New World
- 20) The word which was considered ugly by Diego was  
A. irons      B. ship      C. Spain      **D. mutiny**
- 21) The song in the beginning of the play "The Discovery" conveys the \_\_\_\_  
A. **sorrow mood of the seamen.**      B. happy mood of the seamen.  
C. active mood of the seamen.      D. jealousy mood of the seamen.

- 22) What was Columbus' worst enemy? It was his\_  
 A. unbridled tongue B. Will C. song of sailors D. ship in Storm
- 23) What was Columbus' best friend? It was his  
 A. unbridled tongue B. Will C. song of sailors D. Storm
- 24) Who preferred the company of Columbus?  
 A. Diego Garcia B. Columbus C. Francisco D. Pepe
- 25) Who did Columbus have faith? He had faith in  
 A. Diego Garcia B. Guillermo Ires C. Pedro Gutierrez D. young pepe.
- 26) "Santa Maria will be the lighter for his carcass" whose words is Pepe quoting here?  
 A. Diego Garcia B. Guillermo Irish C. Francisco D. Pedro Gutierrez
- 27) "What! Does that child stand between me and death?" who is child referred?  
 A. Diego Garcia B. Columbus C. Francisco D. pepe
- 28) What does Columbus compare Loyalty to?  
 A. seaweed on an outgoing tide B. a mast hollowed by worms  
 C. bubbles that burst at the first contact D. Storm against deep a ship
- 29) What does Columbus compare friendship to? \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. seaweed on an outgoing tide B. a mast hollowed by worms  
 C. bubbles that burst at the first contact D. storm against a ship
- 30) What does Columbus compare Discipline, duty and obedience to?  
 A. seaweed on an outgoing tide B. a mast hollowed by warms  
 C. bubbles that burst at the first contact D. storm against a ship

**Answer in 2-3 sentence each**

**1. Write about the physical features of Columbus in the play 'The Discovery'.**

Ans: Columbus is a tall ,well-built man of forty six. Hair prematurely white, complexion fair, almost ruddy. A man of quick temper and irritability which he controls only with an effort .His face, in response, is melancholic.

**2.The play begins with a song. What mood does this convey?**

Ans.: The seamen who had been away from home for a long time had not sighted land. The song shows that the seamen were desperate.

**3. 'There are limits to patience', says Diego. What does this suggest about Diego's state of mind?**

Ans.: Diego along with the seamen were tired of the voyage and wanted to return home, but Columbus was firm and would not give up. So Dicgo desperately said these words.

**4. Who do you think has the lives of fifty in his hands? How?**

Ans.: Christopher Columbus had the lives of fifty seamen in his hands. He was their captain. The seamen were tried and wanted to return home but Columbus was firm and would not give up.

**5. What does Columbus feel his worst enemy? Why do you think he feel so?**

Ans.: Columbus feels that his uncontrolled tongue is his worst enemy. Columbus was a man who lost his temper soon and was easily irritated. He would often speak rudely to his men which made them angry towards him.

**7.How did Pedro try to defend the drunken seamen? Was he right in defending them?**

Ans.: Pedro defending that the drunken seamen were simple men and wanted to relax by drinking as they did not have the same vision as Columbus. Pedro was not right in defending the seamen because their drinking was leading to unruly behavior

**6. 'Mutiny is an ugly word', says 'Diego. Is mutiny an ugly word? If so, why?**

Ans.: Yes, Because mutiny leads to destruction. Mutiny curbs the development of determination, tolerance and faith in God.

**8. Columbus was always furious when he heard the seamen's song. Why did it make him angry?**

Ans.: The song expressed the seamen's love for drinking which was a sign of their deep discontent. Columbus was angry because they did not understand what he was trying to achieve

**9. Columbus feels that whatever he does, it is God's will. What will of God does he like to fulfil through this venture?**

Ans.: Columbus felt that it was the will of God that he should discover a new world which would bring wealth to his country and help them to bring new souls on the path to God.

**10. Columbus says, "would God implant desire to solve mystery and he doesn't provide solutions?" Identify the mood of Columbus in saying this?**

Ans.: Columbus had been sailing for many days not yet sighted land. His men were turning against him. But Columbus felt that if God had sent him he would surely help him find a way. These words shows that he had faith in God.

**11. Whose company did Pepe prefer? What was the reason for this?**

Ans.: Pepe preferred to be in the company of Columbus because he had faith in Columbus vision.

**12. Pepe warns Columbus about some people. Who are they?**

Ans.: Pepe warns Columbus about the other sailors because they drank too much and were going against Columbus.

**13. How did the seamen show their anger towards Columbus?**

Ans.: The seamen rushed in an angry mass towards Columbus growling like wild animals.

**14. "Discipline knows no buts" what made Columbus say this?**

Ans.: Columbus wanted to punish Guillermo Ires, who had disobeyed Columbus. So he ordered that Guillermo should be brought to him. Francisco tried to protest, against this. Columbus then said these words.

**15. Why did the Crewmates of Columbus feel desperate?**

Ans.: After sailing for so many days, Columbus and his men could not sight a land. They were tired and wanted to return to their homes and families. But Columbus would not give up. So they were desperate.

**16. 'Devil's track to nowhere', says Guillermo. What does this suggest about the thinking of the seamen?**

Ans.: The seamen felt that Columbus was perhaps possessed by the Devil. He was risking their lives and taking them on a voyage which would take them nowhere.

**17. How did Pepe prove his loyalty to Columbus?**

Ans.: Pepe was the only person who had faith in Columbus and tried to warn him about how desperate the others had become. When the seamen rushed to kill Columbus, Pepe stood before them with his arms spread out and told them that they would have to kill him first. His loyalty put the others to shame.

**18. "This is a voyage of discovery". What had Columbus set out to discover?**

Ans.: Columbus had set out to discover a new world, where he would find new wealth and a new territory for his king and queen to rule.

**19. According to Columbus, what was the one thing that he had discovered?**

Ans.: Columbus said that he had discovered one thing - that if a man had a vision, he must follow it alone. He should not expect loyalty, friendship, discipline or obedience from others.

**20. Pepe says, "Everybody doubts ..... except me". Why do you think he is an exception.**

Ans.: Because Pepe was loyal to his captain and believed that the captain would reach his destiny when the other seamen wanted to attack him with anger.

**21. Pepe excitedly declares that he is still loyal to the leaders what effect does it have on others like Juan and Guillermo?**

Ans.: Pepe was the only one who had the faith that Columbus would discover a new world. But the other sailors like Juan and Guillermo rebelled against him and even tried to attack him and abused Pepe when he came forward to save Columbus from being attacked.

## Extracts

### 1. "A good sailor knows his place" says Columbus to Diego

a. Was Columbus giving to Diego a piece of advice or was it an indirect command?

Ans.: It is an indirect command.

b. What was 'Diego's reaction?

Ans.: Diego tried to suppress his anger and with a scowl goes off from there.

C. Why did Columbus say so?

Ans: Because his claim was that only the captain of the ship has the right to appear on the quarter deck.

### 2. "The Santa Maria will be lighter for his carcass".

a. Whose words was Pepe quoting here?

Ans.: Pepe was quoting the words of Guillermo Ires.

b. What do the words reveal about the person who said them?

Ans: These words show that the speaker was so upset with Columbus that he wished he was dead.

C. What does the word carcass mean here?

Ans: Dead body.

### 3. "Once clear of the Devil's track to nowhere", we'll below our way back home".

a. What does 'Devil's track to nowhere' suggest about the thinking of the seamen?

Ans.: He was risking their lives and taking them on a voyage which would take them nowhere.

b. How did they prove to be wrong?

Ans.: Very soon, land was sighted and a New World was discovered. So they proved to be wrong.

C. Why did they say so?

Ans : Because the sea men thought Columbus was trying take the lives of fifty men and they were fed up with arrogance of Columbus.

### 4. "Your duty is to obey me as mine is to obey the Royal Sovereigns of Spain who sent me".

a. When did Columbus say these words to Guillermo?

Ans.: Guillermo rebelled against Columbus and demanded that they should give up their search for a new land.

b. What do these words prove?

Ans.: These words prove that Columbus was not only a strong leader but was also loyal and obedient towards his king and queen.

C. Why did Columbus say so?

Ans : To calm the rebble of Guillermo and the sea men.

### 5. "Why should one man have lives of fifty in his hands?"

a. Who is the speaker?

Ans.: Diego said these words to Pedro

b. What does the speaker mean?

Ans.: Diego said these words meaning that Columbus had no right to spoil their lives.

C. What made him to say so?

Ans : Diego and other Seamen were becoming impatient and they wanted to

### 6. "Mutiny is an ugly word, Sir"

a. Why did the speaker say these words?

Ans.: Diego said these words in reply when Pedro asked him whether he was thinking of rebelling against Columbus.

b. In what way the word is ugly?

Ans.: The word is ugly because Mutiny' is a deed which leads to destruction.

C. Why did he say so?

Ans . Because Pedro thought that Deigo and the Sea Men were entertaining the Mutinous thoughts.

**7. "Discipline knows no buts" says Columbus**

a. When did Columbus say this?

Ans.: when He asked Francisco to bring Guillermo Ires to him for speaking against him. Francisco hesitated to obey his order.

b. What did Columbus mean to say by these words?

Ans. : Columbus meant that one should not hesitate to enforce discipline.

C . To what does the word discipline here refer to?

Ans : It refers to the rules and regulations that the sea men and others to follow on the ships.

**8. Pepe said, "Captain, be careful sometimes they are desperate"**

a. Why did Pepe say these words?

Ans.: Pepe tried to warn Columbus that these could be danger from them anytime

b. Why were they desperate?

Ans.: they lost their patience as they left their family since many days back they wanted to go back to Spain

c . Whom does the word they refer to?

Ans : to the sea men.

**9. "What! does that child stand between me and death?" said Columbus.**

a. When did Columbus say this?

Ans.: When Columbus hears Pepe saying that he had to be killed first.

B.What had the child done?

Ans.: The child (Pepe) stood in front of Columbus to protect him from being attacked by the seamen.

C . Why did Columbus say so?

Ans : Because when the sea men rushed towards Columbus to kill him Pepe runs to the foot of the stairs and stands with arms spread out.

**10. "They ought to stop that. The captain is always furious when he hears it."**

A. Who should stop that?

Ans: The sailors should stop that.

B. What does 'it' refer to? Why is the captain furious to hear that?

Ans: 'it' refers to the seamen's song. The captain Columbus is furious to hear that because he did not like the attitude of sailors.

C. What made him to say so?

Ans : Juan thought that the song of the sea was having the smell of mutiny.

**12."There are limits to patience, sir"**

A. Who lost his patience?

Ans: Diego lost his patience.

B. Who is he speaking to?

Ans: Diego is speaking to Pedro.

C . Why did speak so?

Ans : He lost his patience and wanted to go back to Spain.

**13."We're like bats trying to fly by day. It's time he gave way. Why should one man have the lives of fifty in his hands?"**

A. Who is compared to bats?

Ans: The seamen are compared to bats flying in the morning.

B. What does the speaker mean?

Ans: Speaker means that the seamen are forced to continue voyage

C:Who had the lives of fifty in his hands?

Ans: Columbus had the lives of fifty in his hands.

**14. A curb for my tongue-oh a curb for my unbridled tongue, my worst enemy! My will, friend, because God's will, shall that suffice"**

A. Who said this to whom? Why?

Ans: Columbus said this to Pedro. Because Columbus confessed his quick temper as enemy and his will Power as friend.

B. Why did he call his will as friend and tongue as enemy?

Ans: Because his will is the will of God where as his tongue speaks words of discomfort to seamen.

C. What does the word "unbridled" mean?

Ans : Un controlled

**15."I do not claim your confidence, sir."**

A. Who do 'I' refer to? Who is the 'sir' here?

Ans: 'I' refer to Pedro. Columbus is the 'sir' here

B. What was his confident in?

Ans: He was his confident in his discovery.

C. what was reason for his not being confidence?

Ans : Because he Pedro and other sea men were have become desperate and want to go back to Spain.

**17."I prefer your company to theirs."**

A. Whose company does the speaker prefer to?

Ans: The speaker prefers the company of Columbus.

B. Whose company does not he like? Why?

Ans: He does not like the company of the seamen. Because he does not like their desperate and horrible behavior.

C. Why did he like his company?

Ans : he was the faithful servant of Columbus.

D. who is the speaker?

Ans : Pepe.

**18 ."They are simple men and must have their relaxation. We have not all your visions, Captain.'**

A. Who does 'they' refer to?

Ans: 'They' refers to the seamen.

B. Who is the captain? What were his visions?

Ans: Columbus is the captain. His vision was to discover the New World America.

C. What were they doing for relaxation?

Ans : They were singing for relaxation

**18. "So far, I have discovered but one thing"**

a. Who do 'I' refer to?

Ans.: Columbus

b. When did the speaker say this?

Ans.: When Columbus was disappointed with the behavior of seamen.

c. What had he discovered?

Ans.: he discovered that when a man is given a vision, he must follow it alone.

**19. 'What! Does that child stand between me and death?**

a. Who does the 'child' refer to?

Ans. : Pepe

b. When did the speaker say so?

Ans.: When Pepe stood between the seamen and Columbus.

c. What character does the child's action reveal?

Ans.: Pepe was loyal to Columbus

**20. "Cowards, Cowards! You will have to kill me first"**

a. Who is the speaker and whom did he call cowards?

Ans.: Pepe is the speaker. Guillermo and seamen.

b. When did the speaker say these words?

Ans.: When Guillermo and some Seamen tried to attack Columbus.

c. What character does it reveal about the speaker.

Ans.: Pepe was loyal and obedient to Columbus

**19. "Stop! What is the meaning of this wild uproar? The first man to move shall spend the rest of the night in irons!"**

A. Who is speaker? Who is he speaking to?

Ans: Columbus is speaking to the sailors.

B: Who was making the uproar?

Ans: The seamen were making the up roar.

C . Why did he say so?

Ans : Because they were discontented with the voyage. They were home sick.

**20. "Your duty is to obey me as mine is to obey the Royal Sovereign of Spain who sent me"**

a. Who is the speaker here?

Ans.: Columbus

b. When did the speaker say these words?

Ans.: When Guillermo rebelled against Columbus, Columbus reminded him of his duty to obey his order.

c. What character does this statement reveal about the speaker?

Ans.: Columbus as an efficient captain and loyal to his king and queen.

**Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 8-10 sentences.**

**1. "Columbus had the will power and had the strength to face obstacles" Justify your answer.**

Ans.: Columbus and his crew left Spain to discover the new world. He and his men sailed for a long time but did not come across the trace of any land. The sailors were fed up. They wanted to go back to their places. They asked Columbus to turn the ship back to their country. When Columbus asked them to wait for a few days, the crew became angry. The sailors thought of revolting and even murdering Columbus. One of the sailors rushed towards Columbus to murder him, Pepe another sailor interviewed him and saved the life of Columbus. Columbus had a lot of patience and encouraged his sailors not to become desperate. After a few days Columbus saw a light faintly flickering raising up and down. The land he discovered was west Indies. The crew jumped with joy.