

## ATTITUDE IS ALTITUDE

Nick Vujicic was born with no arms and legs - but he doesn't let the details stop him.

The brave 26-year-old — who is mainly a torso — plays football and golf, swims and surfs, despite having no limbs. Nick has a small foot on his left hip which helps him balance and enables him to kick. He uses his one foot to type, write with a pen and pick things up between his toes. 'I call it my chicken drumstick,' joked Nick, who was born in Melbourne, Australia, but now lives in Los Angeles. 'I'd be lost without it.' Due to his faith as an Evangelical Christian, Nick has chosen to remain a virgin until marriage. 'He's very modest but he gets marriage proposals from women all the time,' said Nick's friend and publicist Steve Appel, from Los Angeles. 'He would love to get married and start a family but he's waiting for the right girl to come along.'

Water sports aren't Nick's only thing - he also plays golf with a club tucked under his chin, and is a huge fan of the English Premier League.

His parents decided not to send him to a special school - a decision he said was very hard for him, but which may have been the best decision they could have made for him. When Nick was born his father was so shocked that he left the hospital room to vomit. His distraught mother couldn't bring herself to hold him until he was four months old.

1. This passage is taken from the lesson .....

A] attitude is altitude      b] I will do it      c] the dear departed

2. which of the following statement is true.

A] Melbourne is in Los Angeles      b] Melbourne is in Australia      c] Nick does not like water sports

3. what do you mean by the sentence 'I would be lost without it'.

A] Nick thought that he will be lost in Melbourne if he does go to Los Angeles.

b] Nick feels that he will be unable to do things if we doesn't have a small foot

c] Nick feels that it he will die if he does not eat chicken drumsticks

4.] how does Nick Play golf a] with the help of the club b] with the help of his friends

c] with the help of his parents

5. His parents in the above passage refer to

A] parents of Nick      b] parents of Nick's friend      c] parents of his wife

6. 'special school' in the above passage refer to

A] a corporate school      b] school with all facilities      c] school for children with special needs

7. when the decision was taken the son was.....

A] a teenage boy      b] a young boy      c] an old man

8.what was the reason call the father's shocking state?

A] he got a son without arms and legs      b] he was admitted into a hospital  
c] he got vomits repeatedly

Answer the following questions

1.What does the word 'it' refer to in the above passage?

2.Why does he call it his chicken drumstick?

3.Who is referred to as a huge fan of the English Premier League?

4.What was the decision of his parents?

5.Why does the son think that the decision taken by his parents was very hard for him?

6.Why was the mother distraught?

11. When Nick was born his father was so shocked that he left the hospital room to vomit. His distraught mother couldn't bring herself to hold him until he was four months old. His disability came without any medical explanation - a rare occurrence called Phocomelia - and Nick and his parents spent many years asking why this cruel trick would happen to them. 'My mother was a nurse and she did everything right during pregnancy but she still blamed herself,' he said.

Despite the risk of being bullied, his parents insisted Nick on attending mainstream school. 'It was the best decision they could have made for me,' adds Nick, who later achieved a degree in Financial Planning and Real Estate. 'It was very hard but it gave me independence.' Nick, who was teased and bullied, had an electric wheelchair for mobility, and a team of carers to help him. 'I was deeply depressed when I was eight years old,' he said. 'I went to my mum crying and told her I wanted to kill myself.' 'I felt cold and bitter. I hated God for doing this to me and was terrified of what would happen when my parents weren't there to look after me.'

1. Nick's mother was a ..... by profession

- A] teacher
- b] nurse
- c] painter.

2 What was the state of mind of the mother when Nick was born.

A] so upset and worried b] so happy and delighted c] so active and interesting

3. What was the cruel trick referred to in the above passage?

A] there was a curse on the family of Nick b] they got a baby without Limbs

C] it was a very sad and unfortunate

4. What is meant by distraught?

A] distress b] joy c] amusing

5. What made Nick's father leave the hospital room? 6. What was phocomelia? Why did the mother play Marshall?

6. Nik completed a degree in .....

A] financial management b] financial planning and real estate c] civil engineering

7. Why did the parents join Nick in a mainstream school?

A] because they wanted to make Nick healthy b] because they wanted to see Nick being bullied c] because they wanted to make Nick independent

8. Mainstream school in the passage refer to.

A] common school where all children study b] the biggest school in the City

c] the school which has a few children

9. Why does Nick use wheelchair?

A] to move from one place to another place b ] to carry luggage c]to sell goods

Answer the following questions

1.What made Nick's father leave the hospital room to vomit?

2.What was phocomelia ?

3.Why did the mother blamed herself?

4. Who has the risk of being bullied, why was there a chance of being bullied ?

5.What did he think of doing when he was under depression?

6. How does he feel the importance of his parents?

111. 'I realised why God had made us like this - to give hope to others. It was so inspirational to me that I decided to use my life to encourage other people and give them the courage that the article had given me.' I decided to be thankful for what I do have, not get angry about what I don't.' I looked at myself in the mirror and said: 'You know what the world is right that I have no arms or legs, but they'll never take away the beauty of my eyes.' I wanted to concentrate on something good that I had.' "The challenges in our lives are there to strengthen our convictions. They are not there to run us over", said Nick. In 1990 Nick won the Australian Young Citizen of the Year award for his bravery and perseverance.

Nick began travelling the world and in 2008 he went to Hawaii and met surfing master Bethany Hamilton, who had her arm bitten off by a shark when she was 12. 'She was amazing,' said Nick. 'She taught me how to surf and I was terrified at first, but once I got up there it felt absolutely fantastic and I caught some waves pretty well.' Nick quickly learned how to do the 360 degree spins on his board - a feat that got him on the cover of Surfer magazine within 48 hours. 'No one has ever done that in the history of SCERT surfing,' he said. 'But I have a very low centre of gravity so I've got pretty good balance.' He has visited different countries all over the world. The football fan is now a motivational speaker and has travelled over 24 countries speaking to groups of up to 110,000 people.

1. The purpose of life is to give ..... to others .

A] hope      b] speeches      c] money

2. How did the speaker want to encourage the other people?

A] by using his life      b] by asking the people to read articles      c] by telling them inspirational things

3. Which article give courage to the speaker ?

A] a gift presented by his friends      b] story about God      c] a newspaper article which published news about Bethany Hamilton

4. 'I decided to be thankful for what I do have, not get angry about what I don't what does this sentence tell about the speaker?

A] the speaker's positive attitude      b] the speakers Pessimistic attitude      c] the speaker's humorous attitude

5. Why did Nick want to learn suffering from Bethany Hamilton ?

A] as she found her amazing      b] because he hoped that she would make a good teacher with a deep understanding because of her disability      c] because she was the best coach .

6. The Surfer magazine published Nick'sfeat on the cover page as .....

A] it was a fantastic feat    b] nobody did it so easily    c] nobody achieved the feat till then.

7. The best reason for Nick's success in the feat .....

A] Nick had a knack for surfing    b] Nick had capacity to balance himself    c] Nick had a low centre of gravity.

8. Nick speaks to groups of people.....

A] as a loved talking to people    b] as he wanted to encourage people    c] because people invited him to speak

Answer the following questions.

1. What is the speaker's attitude towards God?

2. How do challenges help us in life according to Nick?

3. What is the challenging thing faced by the speaker? how has he faced it?

4. Nick was a 'football fan' do you think he played other games if so mention them ?

5. Who is referred to as 'the football fan' in the above passage ? what are the games played by him?

6. What is the similarity between Nick and Bethany Hamilton?