Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

1 There, before heading east, we took on two crewmen – American Larry Vigil and Swiss Herb Seigler – to help us tackle one of the world's roughest seas, the southern Indian Ocean. On our second day out of Cape Town, we began to encounter strong gales. For the next few weeks, they blew continuously. Gales did not worry me; but the size of the waves was alarming – up to 15 metres, as high as our main mast.

(i) Select the option that completes the given sentence appropriately.

'Took on' in the given context would refer to ..... .

(a) fighting with someone
(b) employing someone
(c) helping someone
(d) leaving someone behind

(ii) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:

Bravery: Courage :: Confront : ..... .

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank.

The narrator was worried about ..... .

(a) the strong winds
(b) the size of the waves
(c) the experience of his new crewmen
(d) the problems in the mast of the ship

(iv) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is TRUE for the narrator.

(a) He was heading in the Western direction.
(b) He took on no crewmen.
(c) He was not worried about the gales.
(d) He thought the size of the waves was small.

(v) Identify the word from the extract that is

Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. "The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousins went paddling,
Each one holding one of my mother's hands,
And she the big girl – some twelve years or so."

(i) Which poetic device has been used in the first line of the extract?

(a) Simile (b) Metaphor
(c) Personification (d) Alliteration

(ii) What does the cardboard refer to here?

(a) A diary entry (b) A sketch
(c) A photograph (d) A card

(iii) ..... went paddling.

1. the poet's mother 2. the poet
3. the two cousins of the poet's mother

Choose the correct option.

(a) only 1 (b) 1 and 2
(c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3

(iv) Answer in ONE word.

In the extract, when the poet says 'big girl', she means her ..... .

(v) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

1. Each cousin held the hands of poet's mother.
2. The poet's mother was the big girl.

(a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot
(b) 2 can be inferred from the extract but 1 cannot
(c) only 2 is true
(d) 2 is the reason for 1

(vi) Which of the following is an apt rhyming scheme of the given lines?

(a) abaa (b) abba
(c) abca (d) no rhyme

Ans (i) (c) Personification
(ii) (c) A photograph
(iii) (c) 1 and 3
(iv) mother
(v) (d) 2 is the reason for 1
(vi) (d) no rhyme