

Case Study

Read the passage carefully and answer the following:

*Steve Irwin, in full Stephen Robert Irwin, (born February 22, 1962, Essendon, Victoria, Australia—died September 4, 2006, off the coast of Port Douglas, Queensland), Australian wildlife conservationist, television personality, and educator who achieved worldwide fame as the exuberant host of *The Crocodile Hunter* (1992–2006) television series and related documentaries. He was one of the world's leading wildlife experts and a conservationist as well as the owner of The Australia Zoo. He was a colourful personality famous for his television shows and daring documentaries.*

Irwin derived his passion for wildlife from his parents, who participated in early efforts to protect Australia's wild reptiles. In 1970 the family moved from [Victoria](#) to [Queensland](#)'s Sunshine Coast, where Bob and Lyn Irwin founded the Beerwah Reptile Park on 4 acres (1.6 hectare) of land. The young Irwin accompanied his father on expeditions in the Outback to trap lizards, venomous snakes, and crocodiles, and he helped to nurse and rehabilitate the injured or abandoned [kangaroos](#), [wallabies](#), and birds that the park took in.

Irwin became famous for his ability to wrestle crocodiles. He worked for the Queensland East Coast Crocodiles Management program and helped capture over 100 crocodiles to keep in safety in the crocodile park or to relocate them in areas safer for them.

Irwin's outgoing personality and the fun he had when dealing with animals- even dangerous animals – made him popular as a fearless protector of animals.

He died in a diving accident when he was injured by a poisonous stingray barb.

A. Choose the correct option.

1. Steve Irwin was born in.....
 - a. 1926
 - b. 1962
 - c. 1992
 - d. 1970

2. Irwin was owner of.....
 - a. Queensland East Coast Park
 - b. The Australia Zoo
 - c. Victoria
 - d. Beerwah Reptile Park.
3. His personality was.....
 - a. Serious and quiet
 - b. Strict
 - c. Careless
 - d. Outgoing and fun
4. What cause Steve Irwin's death?
 - a. Motorcycle accident
 - b. A poisoned stingray barb
 - c. A crocodile attack
 - d. A venomous snake attack

B. Answer in your own words.

1. Why was Steve known as 'the fearless protector of animals'?
2. Why did Steve become famous?
3. What did Steve's father do?
4. What made Steve popular?

C. Find out the meaning of the words or phrases from passage:

1. Poisonous—
2. Abundant –
3. A person who advocates or acts for the protection and preservation of the environment and wildlife....
4. A journey or excursion undertaken for a specific purpose