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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

TWO STORIES ABOUT
FLYING CROW



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

CH-3 : TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING CROW

His First Flight

Key Points :

- A Young seagull ___ alone on the ledge ___ brothers and sister flown away ___ parents also busy with them.
- Parents, brothers, sisters came repeatedly ___ asked him to fly ___ seagull afraid ___ can't fly.
- Next day ___ standing on the brink of the ledge ___ tries to fly, but could not ___ felt afraid.
- Felt hungry ___ saw his brothers and sisters enjoying food.
- cried ___ begged his mother to bring him.
- Mother picked a piece of the fish and was flying across to him.
- Seagull moved forward ___ tapping the rock with his foot.
- The mother came nearer ___ halted almost within the reach of his beak.
- Seagull surprised ___ madness by hunger ___ dived at the fish.
- Seagull felt outwards and downwards with and scream.
- Terrorized at first ___ heart stood still.
- Not falling head long now ___ flying downwards and outwards.
- Forget that he was not able to fly.
- flying over the sea now made his first flight.

Synonyms

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| 1. Plunge | - | Dip |
| 2. Dozing | - | Panting |
| 3. Plaintively | - | with grief |
| 4. Scarps | - | pieces |
| 5. Swooped | - | fly |

Passage for comprehension :- (Solved)

- I. *The young seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brother and his sister had already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. Some how when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings he became afraid. The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath and it was such a long way down miles down.*

Questions :

1. *Where was the seagull standing ?*

Ans. The Seagull was standing on his ledge.

2. *Why did he not go with his brother and sisters.*

Ans. He did not go with his brothers and sister because he was afraid to fly.

3. *What did the Sea Gull try to do?*

Ans. It flapped its wings as it was afraid?

Unsolved Passages

- II. *"Ga, Ga' Ga", he cried begging her to bring him some food. "Gae-cal-an". She screamed back derisively. But he kept calling plaintively and after a minute or so he uttered a joyful scream. His mother has picked up a piece of the fish and was flying across to him with it. He leaned out eagerly, tapping the rock with his feet, trying to get, nearer to her as he flew across. But she was just opposite to him, she halted her wings motionless, the piece of fish in her beak, almost within the reach of his beak.*
1. *Who cried "ga, ga' ga" and why ?*
 2. *Why did the mother halt all of a sudden.*
 3. *Give meaning of 'halt'*

III. *He screamed with fright and attempted to rise again flapping his wings. But he was tired and weak with hunger and he could not rise exhausted by the strange exercise.*

1. *Why did he scream with fright ?*
2. *When did he get over his fear of water.*
3. *Give the meaning of fright.*

Short Questions

1. *Why did the young seagull take a long time to make his first flight.*
 - A. *The young seagull took a longtime to make his first flight because he was afraid to fly. He thought his wings would not support him. Moreover, the great sea that stretched miles down terrified him.*
2. *What did the young seagull do to attract his parents attention ?*
 - A. *The young seagull wanted his parents to be with him. To attract their attention and concern, he pretended to fall asleep. He stood on one leg and closes his eyes.*
3. *How did the young seagulls mother teach him flying ?*
4. *How did Seagull's family react to flying?*
5. *Why did the young sea gull remain alone on the ledge?*
6. *Describe the sea Gulls first flight.*

Type III

1. *Do you think that for the young seagull's hunger was a source of motivation? Explain.*
2. *What difference fo you find in the behaviour of the young seagull in the very beginning and at the end of the story?*
3. *Seagull's mother was her first teacher as she taught him to fly. Explain.*

2. Black Aeroplane

Key Points :

- The writer is a pilot ___ flying and Dakota ___ over France ___ going back to England.
- Called Paris control room ___ early morning ___ planning to have a breakfast with family.
- After crossing Paris _____ saw dark clouds _____ huge block mountains _____ could not fly up over them ___ didn't have enough fuel to fly around them.
- Thought once about going back to Paris, decided to take risk and fly through the clouds.
- Entered the clouds, Suddenly everything dark ___ aeroplane jumped and twisted.
- Compass ___ radio ___ all other instruments dead ___ lost in the storm.
- Suddenly saw another aeroplane ___ the other pilot made signs and asked him to follow.
- The writer followed him like an obedient child.
- Only little fuel left to fly for 5 to 10 minutes more ___ the ___ black aeroplane still in front of him.
- Suddenly writer came out of the clouds ___ saw the straight line of lights ___ runway.
- Landed safely ___ went to control room ___ enquired about the other pilot.
- The lady in the control room informed that there was no other plane or pilot in the storm.
- Wondered who helped him out of the storm.

Seen Passage for comprehension (Solved)

*I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside.
I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England.
I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family.*

Questions :

1. *What time of the day was it ?*

Ans. It was night.

2. *What was he dreaming of at that time.*

Ans. He was dreaming of celebrating his holidays with family.

3. *Give apposite of 'forward'?*

Ans. Backward

4. *Where was he going?*

Seen Passages (Unsolved)

- II. *I checked the map and the compass, switched over to my second and last fuel tank and turned the Dakota twelve degree west towards England.*

1. *Why did the pilot check the map and the compass ?*
2. *Name the aeroplane he was flying ?*
3. *Give synonyms of switched over?*

- III *After half an hour the strange black aeroplane was still there in front of me in the clouds. Now there was only enough fuel in the old Dakota's last tank to fly for five or ten minutes more. I was starting to feel frightened again. Suddenly I came out of the clouds and saw two long straight lines of light in front of me.*

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1. What factor frightened speaker again ?
 2. What did he see when he came out of the cloud ?
 3. Give opposite of "in front" and "frightened."

Short Questions

1. Where was the pilot going ? What made him feel happy ? The pilot was going to England from France ?

Ans. He was feeling happy because he was looking forward to spend his holiday with his family and to have a good, big, English breakfast.

2. Why did the Pilot call the Paris control Room the first time. Why could he not contact it the second time ?

Ans. The pilot called the Paris control room to inform the airport authorities about his flight to England. He also wanted to ask for proper direction. He could not contact it the second time because his radio was dead due to storm.

3. It wasn't an easy flight. When did the pilot get to know this ? How.
4. Why did the Pilot decide to fly through the clouds.

Type I

Paris was about 150 kilometres behind me when I saw the clouds. Storm clouds. They were huge. They look like black mountains standing in front of me across the sky.

I knew I could not fly up and over them and I did not have enough fuel to fly around them to the south.

I ought to go back to Paris, "I thought, but I wanted to get home. I wanted to get home.

I wanted that breakfast

I'll take the risk. 'I thought, and flew that old Dakota straight into the storm.'

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- (a) *When did the writer see the clouds?*
 - (b) *How did the clouds look like?*
 - (c) *Why did the writer decide not to go back to Paris?*
 - (d) *Why did he not fly around the cloud.*

Type III

- (a) *The story "The Black Aeroplane" raises a curiosity. Why? Explain.*
- (b) *What were the narrator's feelings while flying his Dakota aeroplane in the Sky? What happened then? Describe.*
- (c) *How did the harrotoe save his life.*

