

## Two Stories about Flying

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below:

(1)

*Suddenly, I came out of the clouds and saw two long straight lines of lights in front of me. It was a runway! An airport! An airport! I was safe! I turned to look for my friend in the black aeroplane, but the sky was empty. There was nothing there. The black aeroplane was gone. I could not see it anywhere. I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota near the, control tower. I went and asked a woman in the control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. I wanted to say. 'Thank you'.*

Question 1.

As the pilot came out of the clouds he saw:

- (a) two straight lines of lights
- (b) two curved lines of stones
- (c) two straight lines of stones
- (d) two curved lines of lights

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) two straight lines of lights
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Question 2.

The woman at the control tower confirmed that:

- (a) he could not land
- (b) there was no facility
- (c) there was no other aeroplane
- (d) there was no signal

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) there was no other aeroplane
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Question 3.

He wanted to thank the other pilot for:

- (a) his tea
- (b) his help
- (c) his notice
- (d) his plans

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) his help
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Question 4.

The pilot of old Dakota inquired about the other pilot as:

- (a) he wanted to slap him
- (b) he wanted to thank him
- (c) he wanted to curse him
- (d) he wanted to invite him

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) he wanted to thank him
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Question 5.

The antonym of 'straight' is:

- (a) simple
- (b) curved
- (c) common
- (d) lined

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) curved
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(2)

*Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes : the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work! The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio, 'Paris Control? Paris Control ? Can you hear me?' There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm.*

Question 1.

It was a total blackness:

- (a) outside the clouds
- (b) inside the clouds
- (c) inside the room
- (d) on the runway

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) inside the clouds
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Question 2.

The plane was jumping and twisting:

- (a) in water
- (b) on runway



- (c) in storm
- (d) in the air

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) in the air
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Question 3.

The compass was not working and:

- (a) the radio was dead
- (b) he lost his patience
- (c) he lost his grip
- (d) the steering was upset

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) the radio was dead
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Question 4.

The pilot could not make a contact with:

- (a) his colleagues
- (b) Paris control
- (c) his commander
- (d) his boss

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) Paris control
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Question 5.

The word 'twisted' means:

- (a) fell
- (b) dropped
- (c) turned
- (d) stopped

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) turned
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(3)

*As I looked down past the nose of the aeroplane, I saw the lights of a big city in front of me. I switched on the radio and said, "Paris Control, Dakota DS 088 here. Can you hear me ? I'm on my way to England. Over." The voice from the radio answered me immediately : "DS 088. 1 can hear you. You ought to turn twelve degrees west now. DS 088. Over." I checked the map and the compass, switched over to my second and last fuel tank, and turned the Dakota twelve degrees west towards England.*



Question 1.

'I' here refers to:

- (a) plane's pilot
- (b) commander
- (c) assistant
- (d) clerk

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) plane's pilot
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Question 2.

When he looked down, he saw:

- (a) the lights over buildings
- (b) the lights on a tower
- (c) the lights in the houses
- (d) the lights of a big city

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) the lights of a big city
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Question 3.

He was going from:

- (a) England to France
- (b) France to England
- (c) France to New York
- (d) England to New York

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) France to England
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Question 4.

He turned his plane twelve degrees:

- (a) eastwards England
- (b) westwards France
- (c) west towards England
- (d) east towards England

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) west towards England
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Question 5.

The antonym of 'immediately' is:

- (a) urgently
- (b) soon



- (c) quickly
- (d) eventually

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) eventually
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(4)

*I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota near the control tower. I went and asked a woman in the control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. I wanted to say Thank you'. She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed. "Another aeroplane ? Up there in the storm ? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar." So who helped me to arrive there safely without a compass or a radio, and without any more fuel in my tanks? Who was the pilot on the strange black aeroplane flying in the storm, without lights?.*

Question 1.

'I' here refers to:

- (a) Robin Klein
- (b) Liam O' Flaherty
- (c) Frederick Forsyth
- (d) FI Bsor Ester

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) Frederick Forsyth
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Question 2.

He asked the woman in the control room:

- (a) who the other pilot was
- (b) who was on the runway
- (c) where he was
- (d) where she had been

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) who the other pilot was
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Question 3.

He wanted to. meet the other pilot to say:

- (a) 'sorry' to him
- (b) 'thank you' to him
- (c) thank God'to him
- (d) 'please' to him

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) 'thank you' to him



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Question 4.

The word 'compass' means:

- (a) an instrument that collects money
- (b) an instrument to judge 'pass'
- (c) an instrument that shows planes
- (d) an instrument that shows directions

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) an instrument that shows directions
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Question 5.

The woman at control centre looked at him:

- (a) mockingly
- (b) laughingly
- (c) very strangely
- (d) angrily

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) very strangely
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(5)

*'He knows that I am lost', I thought. 'He's trying to help me.' He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota. so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child. 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. But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.*

Question 1.

'He' here refers to:

- (a) pilot of Dakota plane
- (b) woman at control
- (c) man on runway
- (d) pilot of aeroplane

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) pilot of aeroplane
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Question 2.

He is trying to help the Dakota pilot so that:

- (a) he could land safely
- (b) he could reach home
- (c) he could meet colleagues
- (d) none of the above



▼ Answer

(a) he could land safely

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Question 3.

He went ahead of the Dakota's pilot so that:

- (a) the pilot could feel terror
- (b) the pilot could go ahead
- (c) the pilot could follow him
- (d) none of the above

▼ Answer

(c) the pilot could follow him

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Question 4.

The opposite of 'enough' is:

- (a) lesser
- (b) insufficient
- (c) least
- (d) more

▼ Answer

(b) insufficient

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Question 5.

There was only enough fuel in the last tank to fly:

- (a) for six to twelve minutes
- (b) for ten to fifteen minutes
- (c) for fifteen to twenty minutes
- (d) for five or ten minutes

▼ Answer

(d) for five or ten minutes

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(6)

*"I'll be in time for breakfast," I thought. A good big English breakfast! Everything was going well – it was an easy flight. Paris was about 150 kilometres behind me when I saw the clouds. Storm clouds. They were huge. They looked 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 north or south. "I ought to go back to Paris," I thought, but I wanted to get home. I wanted that breakfast.*

Question 1.

He expected to reach England in the morning:



- (a) at tea time
- (b) at brunch
- (c) at lunch
- (d) at breakfast time

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) at breakfast time
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Question 2.

He saw the storm clouds when:

- (a) Paris was 150 km
- (b) Paris was 75 km
- (c) Paris was 50 km
- (d) Paris was 200 km

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) Paris was 150 km
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Question 3.

The narrator compares the clouds with:

- (a) black mountains
- (b) black diamonds
- (c) black stones
- (d) black soil

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) black mountains
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Question 4.

'1' here refers to:

- (a) clerk
- (b) commander
- (c) plane's pilot
- (d) assistant

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) plane's pilot
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Question 5.

The pilot could not go back to Paris and:

- (a) headed towards France
- (b) headed towards England
- (c) headed towards New York
- (d) headed towards Canada



▼ Answer

(b) headed towards England

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(7)

*The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. 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. I looked at my watch : one thirty in the morning.*

Question 1.

'I' here refers to:

- (a) a passenger
- (b) plane's assistant
- (c) plane's pilot
- (d) an engineer

▼ Answer

(c) plane's pilot

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Question 2.

He was flying his old Dakota aeroplane:

- (a) over England to France
- (b) over France to England
- (c) from New York to England
- (d) from France to New York

▼ Answer

(b) over France to England

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Question 3.

He thought of his holiday and looked forward to:

- (a) being with his officer
- (b) being with his colleagues
- (c) being with his family
- (d) being with his spouse

▼ Answer

(c) being with his family

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Question 4.

The phrase 'looking forward to' means:

- (a) expecting



- (b) excepting
- (c) accepting
- (d) existing

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) expecting
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Question 5.

The 'sleeping countryside' refers to all the people who :

- (a) lay asleep on hot day
- (b) lay asleep during day
- (c) lay asleep during hot noon
- (d) lay asleep at night in the countryside

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) lay asleep at night in the countryside
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## The Black Aeroplane Class 10 MCQ Questions With Answers

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below:

(1)

*With a loud scream he fell outwards and downwards into space. Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a minute. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. The wind rushed against his breast feathers, then under his stomach, and against his wings. He could feel the tips of his wings cutting through the air, He was not falling headlong now. He was soaring gradually downwards and outwards. He was no longer afraid.*

Question 1.

The young seagull felt terror because:

- (a) he was being chased
- (b) he was still scared of flying
- (c) he was attacked
- (d) he had nothing to do

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) he was still scared of flying
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Question 2.

The young seagull uttered a loud scream because:

- (a) he fell downwards into the space
- (b) he fell upwards

- (c) he fell with tied wings
- (d) none of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) he fell downwards into the space
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Question 3.

He was no longer afraid. 'He' here refers to:

- (a) father seagull
- (b) brother seagull
- (c) a cousin
- (d) young seagull

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) young seagull
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Question 4.

He could feel the tips of his wings:

- (a) cutting through the air
- (b) dipping in the water
- (c) burning in sunlight
- (d) wetting in rain

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) cutting through the air
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Question 5.

The word 'monstrous's means:

- (a) pleasant
- (b) monster-like
- (c) joyful
- (d) horrible

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) horrible
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(2)

*He saw his two brothers and his sister lying on the plateau dozing with their heads sunk into their necks. His father was preening the feathers on his white back. Only his mother was looking at him. She was standing on a little high hump on the plateau, her white breast thrust forward. Now and again, she tore at a piece of fish that lay at her feet and then scrapped each side of her beak on the rock. The sight of the food maddened him.*



Question 1.

'He' here refers to:

- (a) young brother
- (b) elder father
- (c) young seagull
- (d) lovely neighbour

▼ [Answer](#)

(c) young seagull

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Question 2.

Young seagull's mother was standing on:

- (a) a little plant
- (b) a high mountain
- (c) a tree
- (d) a little mound

▼ [Answer](#)

(d) a little mound

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Question 3.

The sight of the food maddened him because:

- (a) he was extremely hungry
- (b) he was tired of it
- (c) he was full of appetite
- (d) he was interested to get

▼ [Answer](#)

(a) he was extremely hungry

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Question 4.

The word 'hump' here means:

- (a) coat
- (b) mound
- (c) high
- (d) low

▼ [Answer](#)

(b) mound

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Question 5.

His father was smoothing his feathers on:

- (a) his black back
- (b) his silver back

- (c) his white back
- (d) his blue back

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) his white back
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(3)

*His parents and his brothers and sister had landed on this green flooring ahead of him. They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly. He dropped his legs to stand on the green sea. His legs sank into it. fly 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. His feet sank into the green sea, and then his belly touched it and he sank no farther. He was floating on it, and around him his family was screaming, praising him and their beaks were offering him scraps of dog-fish.*

Question 1.

Here 'green flooring' refers to:

- (a) the green sea
- (b) the green grass
- (c) the green carpet
- (d) the green plateau

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) the green sea
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Question 2.

The seagull got over his fear of water only:

- (a) when he fell downwards
- (b) when his belly touched it
- (c) when he was pushed ahead
- (d) when he was slapped

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) when his belly touched it
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Question 3.

His whole family was around him:

- (a) cursing him
- (b) torturing him
- (c) praising him
- (d) taunting him

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) praising him

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Question 4.

The word 'scraps' means:

- (a) logs
- (b) prints
- (c) bundles
- (d) pieces

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) pieces
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Question 5.

'He' here refers to:

- (a) young seagull
- (b) his father
- (c) his brother
- (d) none

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) young seagull
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(4)

*"Ga, ga,, ga" he cried begging her to bring him some food. "Gaw – col – ah," she screamed back derisively. But he kept calling plaintively, and after a minute or so he uttered a joyful scream. His mother had 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 she flew across. But when she was just opposite to him, she halted, her wings motionless, the piece of fish in her beak almost within reach of his beak. He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish.*

Question 1.

'He' here refers to:

- (a) young seagull
- (b) the narrator
- (c) the neighbour
- (d) his brother

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) young seagull
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Question 2.

When young seagull saw his mother, he cried because:

- (a) he was alone
- (b) he understood his mistake



- (c) he was being punished
- (d) he begged her to bring some food

▼ [Answer](#)

- (d) he begged her to bring some food
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Question 3.

The young seagull uttered a joyful scream as:

- (a) he saw his father approaching him
- (b) he saw his brother made signs
- (c) he saw his mother was flying to him with fish
- (d) he saw his sister was flying to him

▼ [Answer](#)

- (c) he saw his mother was flying to him with fish
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Question 4.

The young seagull dived at the fish because:

- (a) he liked it very much
- (b) he could not tolerate hunger any more
- (c) he could grasp it
- (d) he could use it

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) he could not tolerate hunger any more
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Question 5.

The word 'plaintively' means:

- (a) in a way of complaint
- (b) in a way of praise
- (c) in a way of approval
- (d) in a way of regard

▼ [Answer](#)

- (a) in a way of complaint
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(5)

*He felt certain that his wings would never support him; so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night. Even when each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink, flapped their wings, and flew away, he failed to muster up courage to take plunge which appeared to him so desperate. His father and mother had come around calling to him*

*shrilly, upbraiding him, threatening to let him starve on his ledge unless he flew away. But for the life of him he could not move.*

Question 1.

'He' here refers to:

- (a) brother seagull
- (b) father seagull
- (c) young seagull
- (d) none of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

(c) young seagull

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Question 2.

He was certain about his wings that:

- (a) they would certainly help him
- (b) they would never harass him
- (c) they were strong
- (d) they would never support him

▼ [Answer](#)

(d) they would never support him

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Question 3.

The young seagull-could not gather courage:

- (a) to start flying
- (b) to cat fish
- (c) to weep
- (d) to cry

▼ [Answer](#)

(a) to start flying

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Question 4.

The word 'upbraiding' means:

- (a) laughing
- (b) crying
- (c) scolding
- (d) surprising

▼ [Answer](#)

(c) scolding

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Question 5.

His parents scolded him for flying away otherwise:

- (a) he would repent
- (b) he would remain without food
- (c) he would be alone
- (d) he would chatter himself

▼ [Answer](#)

- (b) he would remain without food

