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Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow

1. (i) He could not fly about like ~~to~~ his brothers and sister because

Ans: because young seagull thinks that his wings did not balance his body and he fell down

(ii) What had his elder brothers done

Ans: (a) Caught his first hearing

(iii) The word _____ in the extract means to move lightly just above surface

Ans: (b) dive

2 (i) The seagull had been feeling surprised

(ii) When seagull attempted to dive at, he fell off the cliff. Why?

Ans: - He was wondering by coming near to, maddened by hunger, he dived into fish with a loud scream

he fell outwards into space.

(iii) The phrase his wings spread 'outward' means

Ans: (c) he started flying

(iv) The phrase _____ means he became he became very frightened

Ans: (d) he could hear nothing

3. Answer the following questions @ 30-40 words.

(i) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?

Ans: The young seagull was afraid to fly because he felt certain that his wing never support to fly. He was afraid that he would fall down into the sea and she had not eaten from previous night she has to do something.

(ii) Describe the seagull's excitement when he saw his mother bringing food for.

Ans: The young seagull uttered joyful scream when he saw his mother picking up a piece of fish and flying across to him. He leaned out eagerly, tapping the rock with his feet.

(iii) The sight of food maddened him. What does this suggest. What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?

Ans: His mother had a piece of fish in her beak and she was teasing the young seagull with it, because the sight of the food "maddened" him, he wanted to snatch it from his mother. The young seagull dove towards food not realizing that he was already flying. This hunger compelled him to finally take his first flight.

(iv) They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly. Why did the seagull's father threaten him and cajole him to fly?

Ans: The young seagull's parents threatened and cajoled him to fly because they wanted him to become self independent. They knew that he would never be able to do anything if didn't learn to fly and depend upon others completely.

(v) How did the young seagull's parents treat him initially when he did not fly?

Ans: At first, his parents encouraged him, then scolded and taunted him for his cowardice. They were calling to him shrilly and threatening him to let him stare on the ledge if him didn't fly. They did so because they wanted him to make his first flight.

(vi) Why was the young seagull miserable?

Ans: The young seagull felt very miserable on the ledge as he was alone and his family has already flown away. He was feeling very hungry and had nothing to eat. His condition not even dive for fish.