

His Finest Flight - 1.

Passage :-

That was 24 hours ago since then, nobody had come near him. The day before all day long, he had watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sisters, perfecting them in the art of flight, teaching them how to skim the waves & how to dive for fish. He had, in fact, seen his elder brother catch his first herring & devour it, it standing on a rock while his parents circled around raising a proud cackle.

- i) He could not fly about like his brothers and sisters because caught his first herring.
- (a) caught his first herring. (Ans).
- (b) Taunting it.
- (c) Flying.
- (d) Eating his fish.

ii) What had his elder brother done?

Ans -> The elder brother had caught his first herring.

iii) The word dive in the extract means to move lightly just above the surface.

- a) flying.
- b) waves.
- c) skim.
- d) dive. (Ans.).

He wanted a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come near, maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. With a loud scream he fell out 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.

i) The seagull had been feeling flying happy.

- a) he fell off the cliff.
- b) he was drowning.
- c) he started flying. (Ans)
- d) he was happy. (Ans)

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

A → It was his lack of confidence which stopped him from flying as he couldn't able to gather courage to take his first flight. He believed that his wings would not open eventually he would fall into the sea and

iii) The phrase 'his wings spread downward' means die.

A → It means that if you spread your wings, you do something new & rather difficult/move to a new place, because you feel more confident in your abilities.

iv) The phrase (c) means he became very frightened.

- a) with a loud scream.
- b) his heart stood still.
- c) Monstrous terror seized him. (Ans)
- d) he could hear nothing.

Q2. i) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?

Ans → The young seagull was afraid to fly because he felt certain that his wings would never support him to fly. He was frightened to see the sea around him. He was afraid that he would fall down into the sea.

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

Ans → The seagull expresses his excitement by jumping and laughing & going to the edge of the mountain. When he was hungry, he saw his mother was coming towards him so he excited much & came to bring the ledge & tried to snatch the food.

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

Ans → The young seagull was afraid to fly. Even after seeing his parents teaching & helping his brothers and sisters to fly, he still could not gather enough courage to take his first flight. They threatened him to starve on ledge if he did not fly. They did so because they wanted him to overcome his fear.

iv) The sight of food maddened him. What does his suggest what compelled the young seagull to finally fly?

Ans → The young seagull was very hungry. It was his hunger that ultimately compelled & encouraged him to fly. When the seagull saw his mother tearing at a piece of fish that lay at her feet, his hunger got intensified. He cried and begged his mother to give him some food. When he saw her coming towards him with food in her beak he screamed with joy. However, she.

iv) Stopped Midway. Not being able to resist his hunger anymore he dived at the food in her beak. At that time his hunger overpowered his fear of great expanse of sea beneath the cliff. Eventually, this of sea beneath the cliff. Eventually, the plunge was followed by the natural reaction of his body. i.e., to fly.

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

Ans → At first, his parent encouraged him, called him shrilly, upbraided him, threatened him to let starve on the ledge. They scolded him & taunted him for his cowardice. They were doing this all to make him fly.

vi) Why was the young seagull miserable?

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