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1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

1 × 4 = 4

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.

(a) What made the young seagull scream?

Ans. The young seagull uttered a joyful scream when he saw his mother coming towards him with a piece of fish. He did so as he was very hungry.

(b) How long did the young seagull's fear last?

Ans. The young seagull's fear lasted for a short while just after a minute. The seagull mother wanted him to follow her.

(c) How did he feel later?

Ans. He was at first very scared & frightened, but when he flapped his wings, he could feel the fun & joy of flying.

(d) Find out the antonym of 'upwards' from the passage.

Ans. Downward

2. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

2 × 4 = 8

(a) What was the young seagull afraid of? Why was he not able 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 sea. He had not eaten anything since the previous night.

(b) What did the young seagull watch about his brothers all day long?

Ans. The young seagull watched his parents flying about with his brothers & sisters, perfecting them in the art of flight, teaching them how to skim the waves & how to dive for fish. He also saw his parents praising his older brother who caught his first prey.

(c) How did the young seagull react when his mother flew across to him with a piece of fish?

Ans. The young seagull felt happy that he was going to get a piece of fish after many days. He was hungry.

I starting for food so he thought he would do so when he saw his mother approaching he felt happy & he started his first flight. He screamed loudly & being his mother didn't come near him & maddered by hunger died at first.

(d) What was the mother seagull doing standing on the plateau and why?

Ans. All of them ignored the hungry young seagull. His mother was looking at him. She was standing on a little high hump now & again she tore a piece of fish. The fish lay at her feet. Then she wrapped each side of her beak on it. She loved to tear the food that way.

3. Answer the following question in about 100-150 words.

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How did the young seagull learn to fly? Give details.

Ans. The young seagull had a great fear of flying. His parents chided him for it. They tried their best to encourage him to fly but it went all in vain. His mother played many tricks on him. Sometimes, she flew away from the ledge & left him alone. He came out & tried to flap his wings, but his fear seized him again. He went on side. She threatened him that he would die of hunger as she did not feed him for a few days. Even then he couldn't gather the courage for flying. But this trick worked & he tried to make his first attempt. Even he started flying. Thus his mother helped him to learn flying. It was clear that without the help of his mother, the young seagull could not have taken his first flight.