

TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING
II. BLACK AEROPLANE—Frederick Forsyth
SUBJECT ASSESSMENT
WORKSHEET-89

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

1 × 4 = 4

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.

(a) What can you say about the weather?

Ans. The stars were shining in clear sky. There wasn't a cloud in the sky.

(b) Why was the pilot happy?

Ans. He was flying home from Paris to London. He was very happy to be back with his family.

(c) Where was the narrator flying his aeroplane?

Ans. He was flying his old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England.

(d) Find out the synonym of 'rural side' from the passage.

Ans. Countryside

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

2 × 4 = 8

(a) What happened when the narrator turned the aeroplane twelve degrees west towards England?

Ans. When the narrator turned the aeroplane 12° west toward England he saw huge storm clouds which looked like black markers standing in front of him. It was impossible to see anything outside aeroplane & the compass & radio of pilot were also dead.

(b) Who helped the narrator in the safe landing and how?

Ans. It was the narrator's own self that helped him through the storm. There was no other plane in the sky and the crew at the control centre could see only his plane on radar. No other plane was flying the night in his area. He might have been talking to the good pilot. It might have been his own help.

(c) What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?

Ans. The woman in the control centre looked at the narrator strangely because the narrator asked her about the black aeroplane.

but the same plane except the narrator's plane is in the sky during the storm. Even the radar showed only the narrator's plane in sky that night.

(d) "I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota...". Why did the narrator make this remark?

Ans. After landing, the narrator was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota because he had a terrific & scary experience flying that plane. He was happy that he landed the plane safely. He wanted to know where he was & who the other pilot was.

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

Give an account of the narrator's experience of flying his aeroplane into the storm. What problems did he face and how was he able to overcome them?

Ans. As the pilot entered the storm, his plane started jumping & twisting. He could not see anything outside the plane and was blind when he looked at the compass & other instruments they had stopped functioning due to the storm. It was a terrible & horrible experience for him. The fuel tank was almost empty & he could not fly more than 10 minutes. Then he saw another aeroplane by his side & the pilot of the plane signaled him to follow. It was a surprise for the narrator, as the other black plane had a light. He followed him without any choice & landed safely on the runway.