

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

Name..... || Class || Roll No. || Time 40 Min. || Max. Marks 20 || Marks Obtained

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. Practically the weather was good and rainy.

(b) Why was the pilot happy?

Ans. The pilot was very happy to be back with his family, his home to be able to enjoy the English breakfast.

(c) Where was the narrator flying his aeroplane?

Ans. The narrator was flying his aeroplane up above the sleeping countryside.

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

Ans. Old.

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 towards English he saw huge storm clouds which looked like Black Mountain standing in front of him. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane and compass & radio of the pilot was also dead.

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

Ans. Narrator himself helped him to reach safely. It was probably the narrator's own conscience that came to his aid in a difficult situation. His capability as a pilot guided him out of the storm and helped him reach safely.

(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 she saw no plane except the narrator's plane in the sky during the storm. Even the radar showed only the narrator's plane in the 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 plane, the narrator wasn't sorry to walk away from the old Dakota as he had a horrific experience flying that plane. Finally, he was happy that he had landed the plane safely. This is why he wasn't sorry to steer away.

3. Answer the following question in about 100-150 words. 8

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 (Narrator) entered the storm, his plane started jumping and twisting. He could not see anything outside the plane as it was black. When he looked at the compass & other instruments they had stopped functioning due to the storm. It was a terrible and fearsome experience for him. The fuel tank was almost empty and he could not fly more than ten minutes. Then, he saw another black aeroplane by his side and the pilot of the plane signaled him to follow. It was a surprise for the narrator, as the other black plane had no light. He followed him without any choice and landed safely on the runway.