

**HIS FIRST FLIGHT**

Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

But he kept calling plaintively, and after a minute or so he uttered a joyful scream. His mother had picked up a piece of the fish and was flying across to him with it. He leaned out eagerly, tapping the rock with his feet, trying to get nearer to her as she flew across. But when she was just opposite to him, she halted, her wings motionless, the piece of fish in her beak almost within reach of his beak. He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then, maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. With a loud scream 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.

**Q: 1** Which of these shows the shift in emotion the seagull experiences from the beginning to the end of the extract?

- 1** from calm to fearful
- 3** from mournful to petrified

- 2** from anxious to nervous
- 4** from joyous to depressed

**Q: 2** Re-arrange the following events in the sequence that they occur in the extract.

- (I) The seagull lost control.
- (II) The seagull jumped towards the food.
- (III) The seagull's mother flew towards him.
- (IV) The seagull's mother refused to go nearer.

- 1** (IV) - (III) - (I) - (II)
- 3** (II) - (I) - (IV) - (III)

- 2** (III) - (IV) - (II) - (I)
- 4** (I) - (II) - (III) - (IV)

**Q: 3** Which of these is true about the seagull and his mother?

- 1** They disrespected each other but pretended to love one another.
- 2** They mocked each other but helped one another when it was needed.
- 3** They had different thoughts about their family but cared for each other.
- 4** They felt differently about the goal but wanted to achieve the same result.

**Q: 4** How did the seagull cope with his fear of flying?

- 1** He distracted himself by closing his eyes.
- 2** He blocked out his fear and willed himself to be strong.
- 3** He felt challenged by the other seagulls and acted in a fit of rage.
- 4** He realised that flying came naturally to him by diving unknowingly.

**Q: 5** Which of these factors were NOT responsible for the young seagull learning to fly?

- 1** the continuous efforts of his mother and father
- 2** the depth and vastness of the ocean beneath him
- 3** the hunger and weakness that was maddening him
- 4** the success of his siblings in diving and catching prey

**Q: 6** Select the option that shows the correct relationship between the following statements.

(1) The young seagull overcomes his fear and learns to fly.

(2) The fear of firsts vanishes when one takes the leap sometimes.

**1** (1) is a supporting detail for (2).

**2** (1) and (2) are unrelated.

**3** (1) is true but (2) is false.

**4** (1) contradicts (2).

## Answer Key

Q.No	Correct Answers
1	3
2	2
3	4
4	4
5	2
6	1