**Two Stories About Flying Part-I**

***Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:***

**1. How did the young seagull’s family celebrate his first flight?**

**Ans**. The young seagull was afraid to fly. Even the encouragement and coaxing didn’t work. But when the seagull had his first flight, he as well as his family was happy, relieved and proud of him to have completed his first flight.

**2**. **Flying is a natural act in birds. Then why was the young seagull ‘exhausted by the strange exercise’**?

**Ans**. The seagull didn’t have the courage to fly. Hence, he used to make excuses for not flying. He felt certain that his wings were too weak to support him. He had no courage to flap his wings and failed to muster up the courage to take the plunge.

**3**. **‘The sight of the food maddened him.’ Who is ‘he’ in these lines? Why was he angry? What does this suggest?**

**Ans**. (i) The young seagull is the ‘he’ in these lines. (ii) He had not eaten anything for the last 24 hours. He was very hungry, hence was angry. (iii) His mother went near him with a piece of fish but did not feed him. Maddened by hunger, the young seagull dived to snatch it but the mother flew away. This shows the weakness of the young seagull.

**4**. **What was the young seagull’s experience during his first flight?**

**Ans**. Falling from the ledge, the seagull was terrified, but soon he started soaring, and then, flying. He forgot that he didn’t always know how to fly. His fear soon turned into confidence, and then into amusement. As he was landing, he was again afraid, but, soon became at ease. It was a memorable first flight.

**5. How did the young seagull’s parents treat him initially when he did not fly?**

**Ans**. First, his parents encouraged him, coaxed him then scolded and taunted him for his cowardice. They even threatened to let him starve if he did not fly. But the young seagull could not muster up the courage to fly.

**6**. **When did the seagull’s flight begin? And where did it end?**

**Ans**. The young seagull’s flight started when he dived trying to snatch the piece of fish from his mother’s beak. He fell down but instinctively his wings spread out, he flapped them and started flying. His flight ended after half an hour when he landed on the green sea with his family.

### *****Long/ Detailed Answer Type Questions- to be answered in about 100 -150 words each*****

**Q.1. Describe the methods used by the seagull family to help the young seagull overcome his fear and fly.**

**Ans.**This story is about a young seagull. The time had come when he should fly like his parents and brothers and sister. But he was afraid to fly. His parents tried their best to teach him how to fly. But he refused to fly. They left him alone on his ledge. They threatened him that he would starve. Even then he was too afraid to fly. His brothers and sister made fun of him. They laughed at his cowardice. At last, his mother thought of a plan. She took a piece of fish in her beak and flew towards him. She came near him but did not land on the ledge. The young seagull was very hungry. He came to the brink of the ledge. In order to get food, he dived at the fish. But he fell from the rock. He became terrified. But it was only for a moment. The next moment, he flapped his wings and started flying. In this way, his mother was able to make him fly.

**Q.2. What message does the story ‘His First Flight’ convey?**

**Ans.** This is an imaginary story. The story conveys the message that we learn by taking courage and not by sitting idle. A young seagull is fed lovingly by his parents. But when the time comes for him to fly, he feels afraid. His parents try many tricks to teach him to fly. But he is so afraid that he refuses to fly. At last, his mother hits upon a plan. She tempts him with food in her beak. But she only flies near his ledge and does not land there. In order to get food, the hungry seagull comes to the edge of the rock and falls from it. At first, he is terrified but then he opens his wings and starts flying. He is happy to note that he did not fall in the sea. In this way, the young seagull makes the first flight of his life when he takes courage.