

## Chapter: Two Stories about Flying

### **1. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow in a line or two:**

(i) The young seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brothers and his sister had already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. Somehow when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings he became afraid. The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath, and it was such a long way down miles down. He felt certain that his wings would never support him; so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night.

- (a) Why was the young seagull afraid?
- (b) What did the young seagull feel about his wings?
- (c) Pick out the word from the passage that means the same as 'the verge'.
- (d) Pick out the word from the passage which means 'a narrow flat piece of rock that sticks out from a cliff'.

(ii) Paris was about 150 kilometres behind me when I saw the clouds. Storm clouds. They were huge. They looked like black mountains 'standing in front of me across the sky-1 knew I could not fly up and over them, and I did not have enough fuel to fly around them to the north or south. CBSE 2016

- (a) What happened when the pilot was about 150 kilometres away from Paris?
- (b) What does the author compare the clouds to?
- (c) Find out the word similar in meaning as sufficient.
- (d) The word 'elephantine' is similar in meaning to the word .....

### **2. Answer these questions in 30-40 words:**

- (i) How did seagull's parents try to make him fly?
- (ii) When did the seagull get over his fear of flying over the sea?
- (iii) Why did the young seagull feel very miserable on the ledge?
- (iv) What did the writer feel inside the clouds?
- (v) Why did the writer follow the pilot of another aeroplane?

### **3. Answer the question in 120-150 words:**

(i) Fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things. Do you agree? How did these two traits of the young seagull make him coward? How did he overcome these shortcomings?

(ii) The pilot wanted to thank another pilot after his safe landing. Why? What values of the writer are reflected from his action?