

One Two academy
English Long answer study material

UNIT 1

PARAGRAPH ANSWERS

PROSE – HIS FIRST FLIGHT

Lesson	:	His First Flight
Author	:	Liam O' Flaherty
Theme	:	Courage brings victory

Introduction

Fear unsettles us. Fear stops us from trying new things. We need to overcome fear. The lesson 'His First Flight' is a magnificent story on the need to overcome fear and to have courage and self-confidence.

The pathetic young seagull

A young seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brothers and a sister had already flown away. He became afraid when he attempted to flap his wings. So, he failed to fly. His parents came around calling him shrilly, scolding him and threatening to let him starve on his ledge. But, for the life of him, he could not move. As the sun ascended, he felt the heat. He couldn't find any food. He even gnawed at the dried pieces of eggshell. He tried to reach his parents, but he could not reach them without flying.

Maddened by hunger

The young seagull uttered a low cackle to seek the attention of his parents. They took no notice of him. Only his mother was looking at him. She was tearing a piece of fish. The sight of the food maddened him. He cried at her. She shouted back at him mockingly.

The first flight

The mother seagull picked up a piece of fish and was flying across to the young bird. When he leaned out eagerly, she halted. He wondered why she did not come near to him. Maddened by hunger, he dived to get the fish. He fell into the space. His mother flew upwards. Fear gripped him. But it only lasted a moment. He flapped his wings and began to soar. When the young seagull started flying, the mother seagull swooped past him, his father

flew over him and his brothers and sister were flying around him. The bird was no longer afraid when it started flying for the first time. He felt happy. He had made his first flight.

The reward for overcoming fear

The young seagull raised his breast and banked against the wind. He saw the green sea below and dropped his legs to stand on water and began to float on it. His family was around him. They praised him and offered him a piece of dog-fish as reward.

Conclusion

Thus courage, self-confidence and parental guidance helped the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying. Every journey of thousand miles begins with a single step. But the single step is the most difficult one to make. Everyone needs to conquer their fear and venture.

Moral – “ The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear”

POEM – LIFE

Poem	:	Life
Poet	:	Henry Van Dyke
Theme	:	The pursuit of living life to the fullest

Introduction

The poem “Life” written by Henry Van Dyke is a sonnet. The word sonnet is derived from the Italian word ‘sonetto’ which means a ‘little song’ or ‘small lyric’. In poetry, a sonnet has 14 lines. Henry Van Dyke is one of the greatest American poets. He has excelled in the art of writing delicately soothing and immensely inspiring poems. This sonnet is undoubtedly one of his literary gems.

Life is joyful

The poet wants to live his life looking ahead and willing to do something. He neither wants to hurry nor move away from his goal. He does not want to mourn about the dull past or uncertain future. He instead prefers to live his life with a whole and happy heart.

To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer
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He wants to live his life with a whole and happy heart which cheerfully travels with him from the youth to old age. He wants to travel his journey of life cheerfully.

Journey of life

It does not matter to the poet whether the path goes up or down, rough or smooth but the journey will be joyful. He will continue to seek what he wanted as a boy – new friendship, high adventure and a crown (prize).

My heart will keep the courage of the quest

His heart will remain courageous and pursue his desires. He hopes that every turn in his life's journey will be the best and a well lived life waiting at the road's last turn.

Conclusion

The sonnet, Life is beautiful and inspiring. The poet encourages us to have faith and determination in our hearts to take the beautiful journey of life. He insists that one should not worry too much about the future.

Moral – “ Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can”

SUPPLEMENTARY READER – THE TEMPEST

Story	:	The Tempest
Author	:	William Shakespeare
Theme	:	The war of betrayal and forgiveness

Introduction

The Tempest is a play written by William Shakespeare. Forgiveness and repentance are the main themes of the play. Prospero was the rightful Duke of Milan. His brother Antonio seized the dukedom and set Prospero and his daughter Miranda on a boat to die. Fortunately, Prospero survived the voyage and settled in a cave on an island with his daughter.

Prospero's magical power

Prospero and his daughter Miranda spent 12 years on an island. Prospero was fond of reading magic books. He learned magic by reading them. He released many good spirits from a witch called Sycorax. Of these, Ariel was the chief. Ariel took too much pleasure in tormenting an ugly monster called Caliban because he was the son of Sycorax.

The Tempest

Once Prospero's cruel brother Antonio, the King of Naples, his son Ferdinand and Gonzalo were sailing on the sea in a ship. Prospero raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship. Miranda felt very sad because she feared that they all would perish in the sinking vessel. She pleaded her father to have pity on them. He instructed Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship and to bring Ferdinand and the King of Naples to the cave.

Miranda's love for Ferdinand

Miranda was delighted to look at the handsome young prince, Ferdinand. She was so concerned about Ferdinand because, he was the second man Miranda had ever seen as she grew up in the lonely island her whole life. To her, he seemed to be a good and true man. Prospero not believing in the enemy's son, wanted to test Ferdinand's love for Miranda and his constancy. So, he set him a severe task to perform.

Repented the injustice

Ariel caused strange things to Prospero's brother and the King of Naples. They were tired and looking for food. Ariel suddenly set them before a delicious banquet and made it disappear when they were about to eat. Ariel reminded them about the cruelty they caused to Prospero and his young daughter Miranda. The King of Naples and Antonio, repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.

Conclusion

Ariel brought them before Prospero. They were in tears begging Prospero to forgive them. The King of Naples was happy to see his son alive. Prospero forgave them all. He dismissed Ariel from slavery, to the great joy of that lovely little spirit. He gave Miranda in marriage to Ferdinand and restored his dukedom in Milan.

Moral – “ To forgive and be forgiven is the greatest freedom that we can have”