

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

**CH-3 : Two Stories about
Flying**

Part – 3

The Black Aeroplane

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OVERVIEW

1. Introduction to the flight

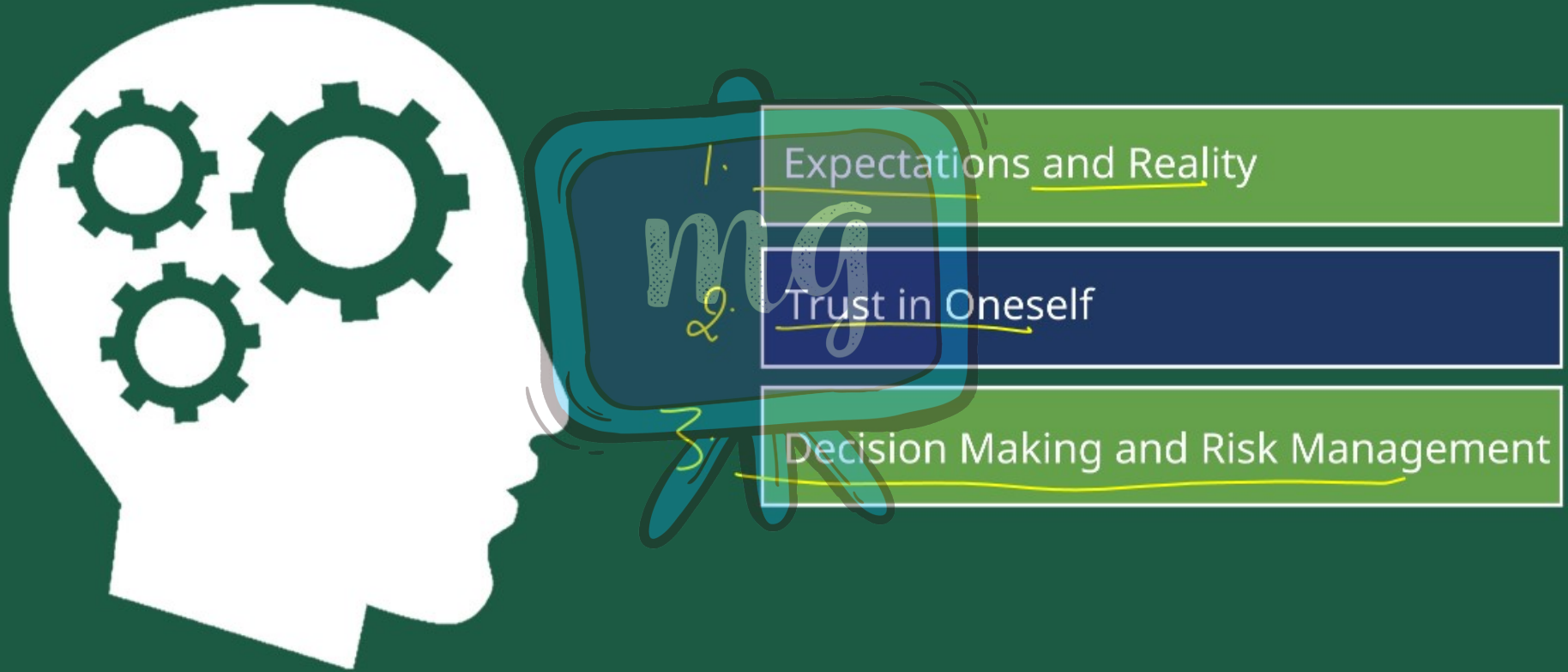
2. Encounter with Paris control

3. Storm clouds and Loss of Navigation

4. Mysterious Black Aeroplane

5. Unsolved Enigma

COMPETENCY BASED LEARNING





Frederick Forsyth (25 August 1938)

- ▮ An English author, journalist
and former spy
- ▮ Best known for thrillers.

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.

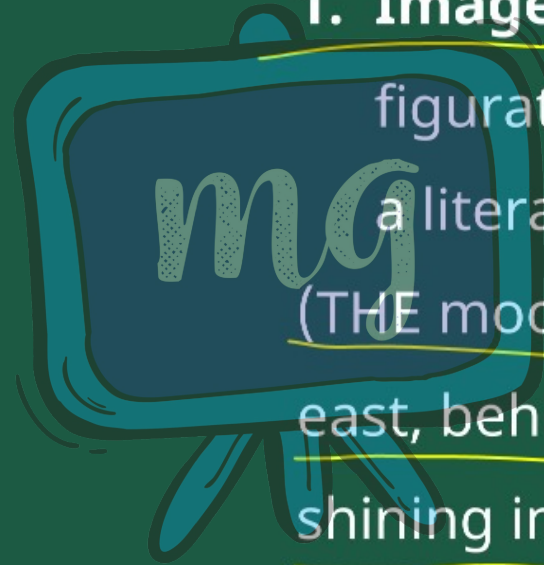
Old Dakota



LITERARY DEVICE:

1. Imagery : visually descriptive or figurative language, especially in a literary work:

(THE moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me.)



I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch: one thirty in the morning.

'I should call Paris Control soon,' I thought. As I looked down past the nose of the aeroplane, I saw the lights of a big city in front of me.

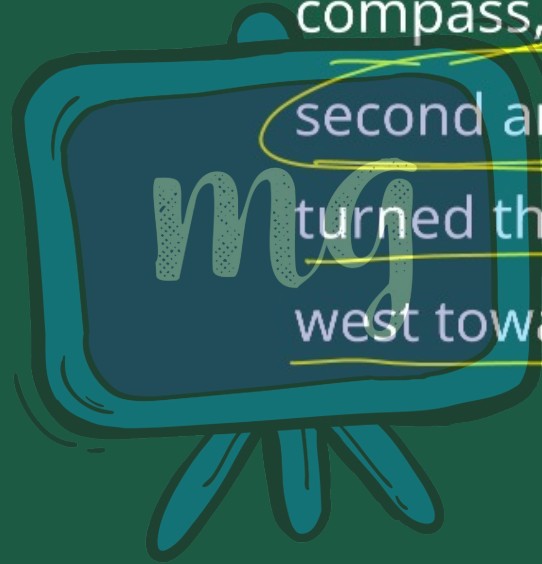


I switched on the radio and said,
"Paris Control, Dakota DS 088 here.
Can you hear me? I'm on my way
to England. Over."

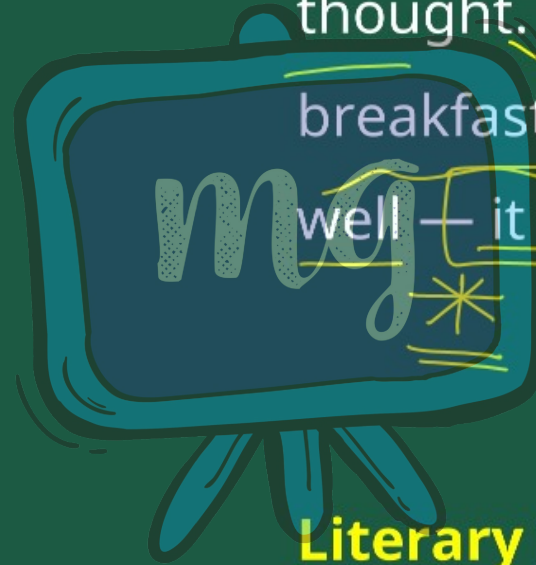
The voice from the radio answered
me immediately: "DS 088, I can
hear you. You ought to turn twelve
degrees west now, DS 088. Over."



I checked the map and the
compass, switched over to my
second and last fuel tank, and
turned the Dakota twelve degrees
west towards England.



'I'll be in time for breakfast,' I thought. A good big English breakfast! Everything was going well — it was an easy flight.

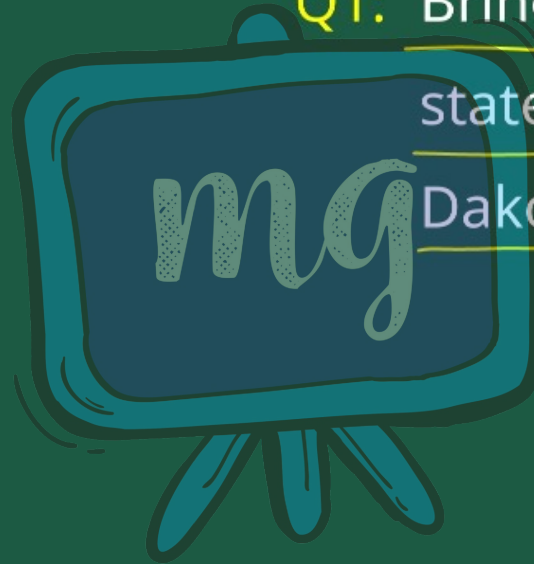


Literary Device:

1. Irony :- Situational irony. (It was an easy flight)

CBSE QUESTION CHECK

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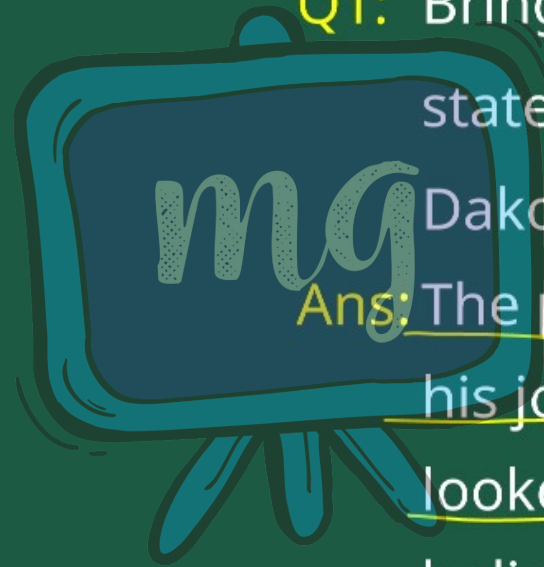


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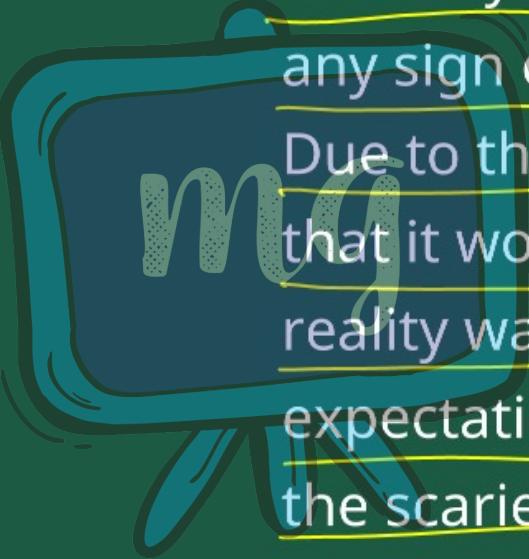
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stars were shining brightly in the clear sky above him. There wasn't any sign of cloud in the sky.

Due to these signs, he assumed that it would be a smooth flight but reality was nowhere near expectations. The pilot had one of the scariest and menacing flights of his life. Paris was about 150 kilometers behind him when he saw the clouds.

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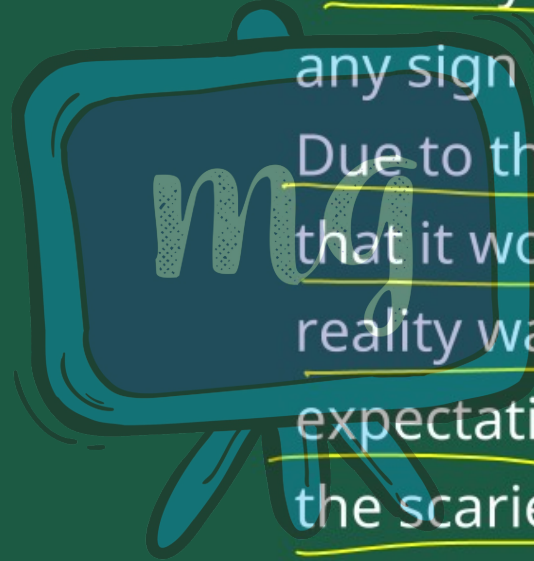
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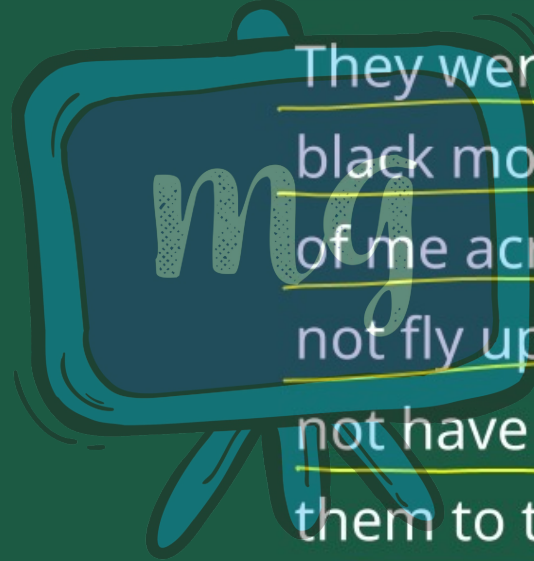
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behind me when I saw the clouds.

They were huge. They looked like
black mountains standing in front
of me across the sky. I 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.



LITERARY DEVICE:

1. **Simile:** Comparison using 'like' or 'as' (They looked like black mountains) → clouds

2. **Personification :** Attribution of personal qualities (Black mountains standing in front of me across the sky.)



"I ought to go back to Paris," I
thought, but I wanted to get home.

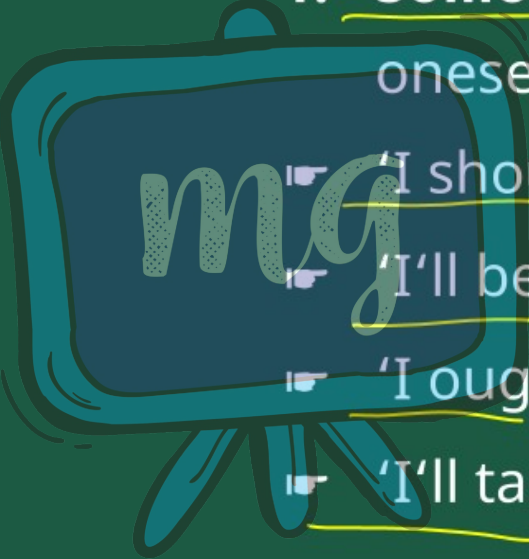
I wanted that breakfast.

'I'll take the risk,' I thought, and
flew that old Dakota straight into
the storm.

Inside the clouds, everything was
suddenly black.

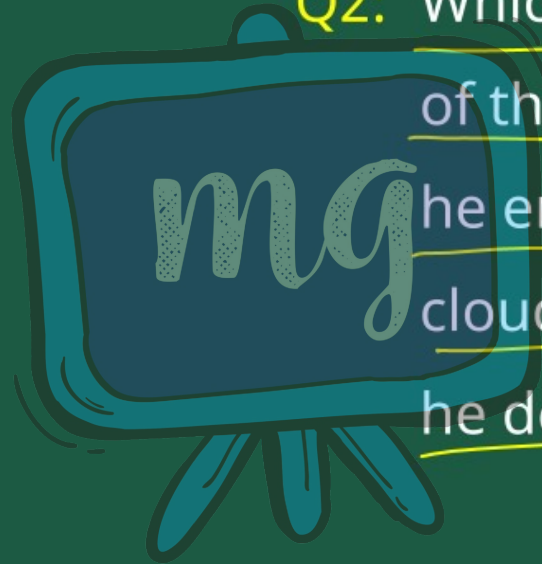
LITERARY DEVICE:

1. Soliloquy: the act of talking to oneself.

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- ▮ 'I should call Paris Control soon'
 - ▮ 'I'll be in time for breakfast,'
 - ▮ 'I ought to go back to Paris,'
 - ▮ 'I'll take the risk,'

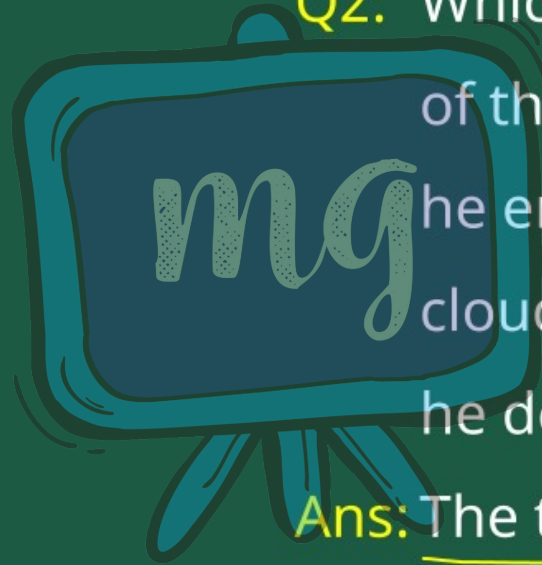
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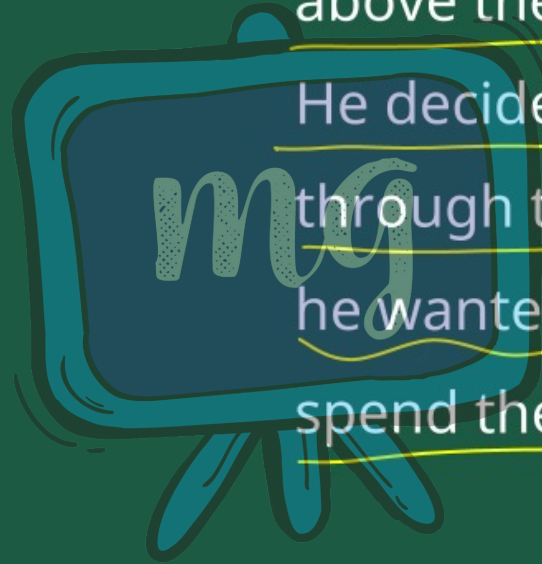
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Ans: The two options he had were:
either to go back to Paris or to
go through the storm clouds.

He didn't have an option of flying
above the clouds due to lack of fuel.

He decided to take risk and go
through the storm clouds because
he wanted to reach home and
spend the holiday with his family.



LEARNING OUTCOMES



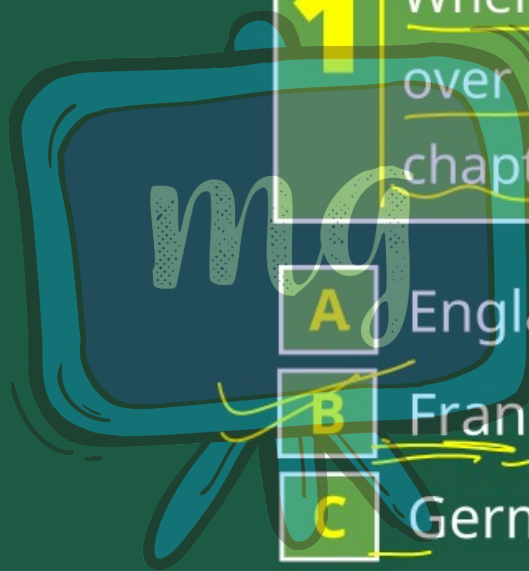
1

One should Prepare for the Worst

2

Calmness and Confidence in Risk

ASSESSMENT



1 Where is the protagonist flying over in the beginning of the chapter?

- A** England
- B** France
- C** Germany
- D** Italy

ASSESSMENT



2

What does the storm symbolize?

A

Fear

B

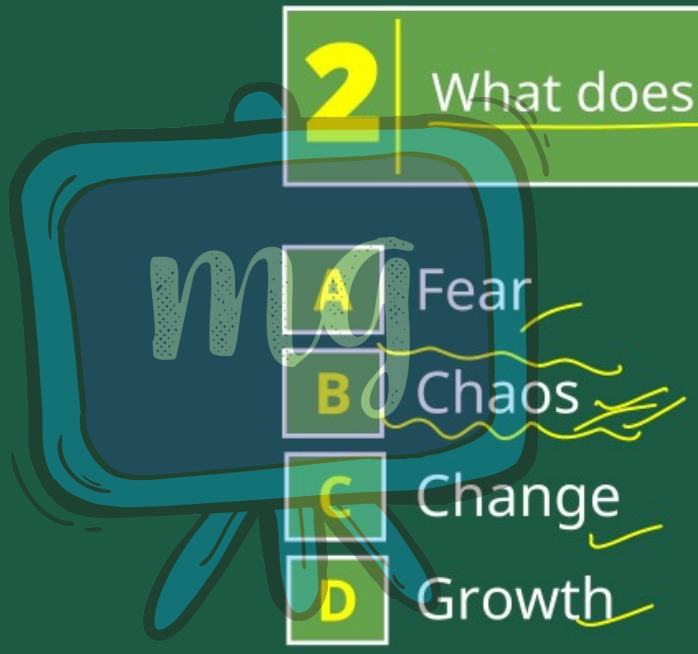
Chaos

C

Change

D

Growth



ASSESSMENT



3

What was the pilot looking forward to?

A

To reach his destination to

B

Meet his family

C

His Holiday

D

Both B and C

ASSESSMENT



4

Which control station did he contact on his way?

A

Paris

B

India

C

England

D

Nowhere