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8 The Song of the Alien Ships.

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1. "Their song is now vibrantly audible. Over.

a. Who said this and to whom? Whose song does the speaker refer to here?

Ans: This message was sent by the radio operator to Commander Frazer. The 'song' refers to the radio wave signals coming from the giant bird-like alien spaceships that were approaching the Solar System.

b. What does the speaker mean by 'vibrantly audible' How would you describe the tone of the speaker?

Ans: When the speaker says 'vibrantly audible' they mean that the mysterious sound waves or signals had become loud, clear and easy to detect on their instruments. The tone of the speaker is excited and alert, as something unusual and important is taking place.

c What was the listener doing before he received this message from the speaker?

Ans: Commander Frazer was observing the space between Pluto and its moon, Charon, keeping

watch on the movement of strange objects approaching from deep space, when he received the message.

d. What was the song called? What was the listener's reaction on hearing about it?

Ans: The song was called 'The Song of the Alien Ships.' Commander Frazer was curious and alert, trying to understand the meaning of the mysterious signals and where they were coming from.

Q2 The giant birds were _____ _____ _____ Frazer for action.

a. What were the 'giant birds'? Why were they headed for Earth?

Ans: The 'giant birds' were alien spacecraft shaped like huge birds, sent from another planetary system to make contact with other intelligent beings in the universe. They were heading for Earth to establish Communication.

b. When did Commander Frazer first spot the 'giant birds'

Ans: Commander Frazer first spotted the giant birds while observing space near Pluto

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and its moon, Charon. His team detected their approach as they entered the Solar system.

c What did his training and natural instincts indicate to him about the 'giant birds'?

Ans: Commander Frazer's training was to defend and protect Earth, but also to observe and try to communicate, if possible. His instincts made him cautious and alert to danger, while his scientific training reminded him that this could be humankind's first contact with other beings.

d. What course of action did he take against the 'giant birds'? Was his decision correct?

Ans: Commander Frazer told his team to stop the giant birds, even if they had to destroy them. His decision turned out to be wrong because the birds were not dangerous. They were robot spaceships sent to make contact, not to fight. By attacking them, Frazer's team lost the chance to establish communication with aliens in space.

3. "We are not alone" he murmured. "But now we'll never know..."

a Who said this? Why did the speaker say "We

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are not alone?

Ans: He also realized that the aliens had sent twenty ships at the start of the mission, but only eighteen had reached them. This meant that two other ships had been destroyed by other civilizations, giving further proof that, 'we are not alone'.
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b. When Commander Frazer said, "But now, we'll never know" he meant that by attacking and destroying one of the alien ships, humans had lost the chance to talk to those beings and learn more about them.

c. How do you think the speaker felt at that moment?

Ans: Commander Frazer felt sad and regretful at that moment. He realized that his quick decision to attack had destroyed their only opportunity to establish communication with the intelligent beings. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that they missed because of their impulsive decision.

d. How do you think this experience would change the speaker's future actions?
(Relevant answer)

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II Answer the following questions.

Q1 Who was Commander Frazer?
A: Commander Frazer was the Commander of the United Earth Space Station.

Q2 Why did the Commander Frazer watch the spacecraft carefully?
A: He wanted to find out whether they were alien spacecraft.

Q3. Why was the first meeting between humans and aliens important?

A: The first meeting between humans and aliens important because it could establish communication between two different civilizations

Q4: What was the size of the giant birds?

A: Each bird was about 1000 metres long with a wingspan of 650 metres.

5 What did Commander Frazer think about the giant birds?

6 Commander Frazer was reminded of an eminent Venusian scientist who had

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Suggested that huge creatures might exist in space. He wondered whether these enormous flying creatures had evolved on a distant planet and were now migrating from one Continent to another, like birds on Earth.

III Answer in detail

Q1. Describe the attack on the giant birds.

Ans: Four interceptors flew into attack, sweeping through space at incredible speed. They headed straight towards the flock of giant birds. The birds broke their V formation and turned away from Earth. However, two interceptors managed to corner one bird and close ~~in~~ on it.

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