

2-Brave in life, Brave in death

A3. Answer the following questions

1. How did Neerja show courage in her personal life?

Ans. Neerja showed courage in her personal life by refusing to give in to unreasonable demands of dowry from her husband.

2. How did the pilot get the information about the hijack?

Ans. Neerja rushed towards the cockpit and managed to shout out the hijack code before a terrorist stopped her. Another flight attendant, who caught the code, conveyed it to the pilot.

3. Why did Neerja have to take over the command of the aircraft?

Ans. Neerja had to take over the command of the aircraft because the cockpit crew had deserted the aircraft when they heard about the hijack.

4. How was Neerja's supreme sacrifice given its due recognition?

Ans. Neerja was awarded the Ashok chakra (India's highest civilian award for bravery). She was also awarded the Tamgha-e-Insaniyat (Pakistan), Flight Safety Foundation Award and also the Medal of Heroism of the National Society of the Sons of The American Revolution (USA).

5. On what basis are the recipients of the two awards selected by the trust formed in memory of Neerja Bhanot?

Ans. The trust formed in memory of Neerja Bhanot honours and Indian woman annually who has been subjected to social injustices like dowry and desertion, which she overcomes with grit and determination and helps other women in similar situations. It also honours an airline crew member who acts beyond the call of duty in difficult situations.