

CHAPTER 2

NEERJA

True/False Questions

1. Neerja Bhanot returned to her parents after two months of marriage due to dowry pressure. (True / False)
2. The cockpit crew stayed with the passengers during the hijacking. (True / False)
3. Neerja hid American passports to protect those passengers from the terrorists. (True / False)
4. Neerja was awarded the Ashok Chakra, India's highest military honor. (True / False)
5. The Neerja Bhanot Trust awards only airline crew members. (True / False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. Neerja was born on _____ in _____.
2. The hijacking of Pan Am Flight 73 occurred in _____.
3. During the hijacking, Neerja shouted “_____” to guide passengers to safety.
4. Neerja’s parents established a trust with an initial amount of _____.
5. The _____ is an award Neerja received from Pakistan.

Multiple Choice Questions

- 1. Why did Neerja return to her parents after two months of marriage?**
 - a) Job relocation
 - b) Dowry pressure
 - c) Illness
 - d) Family emergency

- 2. What role did Neerja hold during the hijacking?**
 - a) Pilot
 - b) Senior flight purser
 - c) Co-pilot
 - d) Passenger

- 3. How did Neerja protect American passengers?**
 - a) Locked them in the bathroom
 - b) Hid their passports
 - c) Disguised them as crew
 - d) Negotiated with terrorists

4. What caused Neerja's death during the hijacking?

- a) A plane crash
- b) Protecting three children from bullets
- c) Suffocation
- d) Terrorist negotiation failure

5. Which award did Neerja NOT receive?

- a) Ashok Chakra
- b) Tamgha-e-Insaniyat
- c) Bharat Ratna
- d) Medal of Heroism (USA)

6. What did the Ashok Chakra citation highlight about

Neerja?

- a) Her modeling career
- b) Her loyalty to passengers in distress
- c) Her marriage struggles
- d) Her financial contributions

7. How long did the hijacking ordeal last?

- a) 5 hours

b) 17 hours

c) 24 hours

d) 48 hours

8. What did Neerja's parents establish in her memory?

a) A school

b) A hospital

c) A trust

d) A museum

**9. Which country awarded Neerja the Tamgha-e-
Insaniyat?**

a) India

b) USA

c) Pakistan

d) UAE

**10. What phrase did survivors recall Neerja shouting
during the hijacking?**

a) "Stay calm!"

b) "Get out, run!"

c) “Follow me!”

d) “Hide now!”