

The Third Level Important Questions Class 12 English Chapter 1 Vistas Book

The Third Level 2 Marks Important Questions – 30 to 40 words

1. How did Charley 'reach' the third level of the Grand Central Station?

Ans. – After getting late in his office, Charley went to Grand Central to reach home early. There he entered a tunnel that ended in a corridor. The corridor turned left and slanted downward. Charley went on walking and reached a flight of stairs that took him to the next level of the station. The third level was different from the other two levels.

2. In his letter to Charley, Sam writes, '.....then I got to believing you were right.' What could have made Sam begin to believe?

Ans – In the letter Sam had informed Charley that he was living on the third level. He had also told Charley and his wife to keep looking for the third level. Clearly, the letter was a product of Charley's imagination. Sam invited the narrator to the third level. It was worth it. It added that it was true, there existed the third level and he had found that.

3. Give a brief Description of the third level.

Ans. – The rooms on the third level were smaller. There were fewer ticket windows and train gates. The information booth in the centre was wood and old-looking. The man in the booth wore a green eyeshade and long black sleeve protectors. The lights were dim, open-flame gaslights. There were brass spittoons on the floor. People were dressed in an old fashioned manner.

4. Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley?

Why?

Ans. -Yes, the third level was a medium of escape for Charley from the unhappy modern world that is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and the like. He could never find it again at the Grand Central Station.

Charley's friend tried in vain to make him realise that his hallucinations were a result of his strong desire to escape to the peaceful times of the 1890s.

5. What do you understand by a first-day cover?

Ans. Whenever a new stamp is issued, stamp collectors buy some and use them to mail envelopes on the very first day of sale, and the postmark proves the date. Such an envelope is called a first-day cover. Such envelopes are not even opened, you may put a blank paper in the envelope. The main purpose is to collect a stamped, postmarked envelope with the date of postmark being the same as the date of release of the stamp.

The Third Level 5 Marks Important Questions 120 to 150 words

1. Apparent illogicality sometimes turns out to be a futuristic projection.

Discuss with reference to ‘The Third Level.’

Ans – Value points

It is true that apparent illogicality turns out to be a futuristic projection.

man could fly was unimaginable before the Wright Brothers invented the first airplane. long-distance talks occurring in the real-time system were not thought of before Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.

The internet has revolutionized communication and is now a part of our everyday life. One-point visions that seem illogical; turn out to be ground breaking things that alter mankind’s futures.

Similarly, it would not be farfetched to think of railway stations equipped with time-machine tools that would allow traveling only a matter of time from one age to the next.

2. Philately helps in keeping the past alive. Discuss other ways in which this is done. What do you think of human tendency to constantly move between the past, the present and the future?

Ans – Value points

In addition to philately, collecting historical objects, drawings and inscriptions in a museum, collecting and reading books written in various periods (including autobiographies, bio-sketches, letters and diary entries), collecting and watching documentaries and other videos are all a few ways to explore history.

Besides, if we observe the rituals in ceremonies, treasured memories in the form of images, photos and audio recordings we will hold our culture and traditions alive.

Reviving old temples, buildings and other objects can also provide an immense learning opportunity for those visiting these sites, while at the same time encouraging tourism.

A great intellectual gift is the capacity to oscillate between the past, the present and the future. This human propensity helps him to prepare for the future in the present by reaping past benefits.

A student makes an action plan to fix the poor areas further and score higher in the future, taking into account the past outcome (of class testing or half yearly exams). This help in making important decisions to improve future results.

3. Why did Charley think that Grand Central Station was growing like a tree, pushing out new corridors and staircases like roots?

Ans – The Grand Central Station had two levels and the narrator had been there many times. On many occasions, he had new experiences. One day, he lost his way, and entered a tunnel from where suburban trains left. One tunnel opened in the lobby of a hotel.

This made him think that the station was pushing up new corridors and staircases like roots of a tree. Perhaps the tunnels led to Times Square and Central Park.

However, Charley reached the third level. This corridor had led him into the past.

4. Do you see an intersection of time and space in the story ‘The Third Level’?

Ans – Value points

Instances of intersection of time and place.

The two levels existed in present time while the third level existed in 1894.

Charley and Louisa live in present time but Charley gets old currency to reach the station of Galesburg of 1894.

The platform of the old station is different from that of the two levels of the present time.

The people in 1894 dress in an old fashioned manner

The newspaper- The World was published in 1894. It was dated June 11, 1894, overlaps with Charley's real time existence.

The letter mailed to Charley's grandfather on July 18, 1894 displays the intersection of time and space because both Sam and Charley live in the present time.

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