



ENGLISH
REVISION

The Third Level, The Tiger
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Earth

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THE THIRD LEVEL

Read the extract and answer the questions:

1) I've been in and out of Grand Central hundreds of times, but I'm always bumping into new doorways and stairs and corridors. Once I got into a tunnel about a mile long and came out in the lobby of the Roosevelt Hotel. Another time I came up in an office building on Forty-Sixth Street, three blocks away. Sometimes I think Grand Central is growing like a tree, pushing out new corridors and staircases like roots. There's probably a long tunnel that nobody knows about feeling its way under the city right now, on its way to Times Square, and maybe another to Central Park. And maybe – because for so many people through the years Grand Central has been an exit, a way of into.... escape maybe that's how I got into the tunnel.

1. What does the word 'Bumping' mean?

- A. Collide with force
- B. Collide with empathy
- C. Collide without any support
- D. All of these

2. What does the narrator mean by 'Grand Central has been an exit'?

- A. People get lost in it
- B. People want to escape through Grand Central station
- C. People need excuses to go to Grand Central station
- D. It is the best mode to reach the under-ground tunnel

3. Which literary device has been used in 'Grand Central Station growing like a tree'.



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- A. Alliteration
- B. Metaphor
- C. Simile
- D. Personification

4. Why does only Charley get lost at the third level?

- A. Because he is practical
- B. Because he is an escapist
- C. Because he loves to do adventurous things
- D. All of these

Answers:

- 1. A. Collide with force
- 2. B. People want to escape through Grand Central station
- 3. C. Simile
- 4. B. Because he is an escapist

Short questions-Answer in 30-40 words:

- i. What would you describe as your “waking-dream wish fulfilment”? Explain.
- ii Why do you think Charley withdrew nearly all the money he had from the bank to buy old-style currency?
- iii How would you evaluate Sam’s character? Elucidate any two qualities, and substantiate with evidence from the text.



The Tiger King

Read the extract and answer the questions:

i) At midnight when the town slept in peace, the dewan and his aged wife dragged the tiger into the car and shoved it into the seat. The dewan himself drove the car straight to the forest where the Maharaja was hunting. When they reached the forest, the tiger launched its satyagraha and refused to get out of the car. The dewan was thoroughly exhausted in his efforts to haul the beast out of the car and push it down to the ground. On the following day, the same old tiger wandered into the Maharaja's presence and stood as if in humble supplication, "Master, what do you command of me?" It was with boundless joy that the Maharaja took careful aim at the beast. The tiger fell in a crumpled heap.

i Pick the option that uses the same figure of speech as 'town slept in peace'.

- a) His actions really flared up my temper, so I walked out.
- b) She is going through a rollercoaster of emotions.
- c) My alarm clock yells at me every morning until I get out of bed.
- d) The children were screaming and shouting in the fields.

ii Pick the option that best describes the dewan's attitude.

- 1. Desperate 2. Submissive 3. Servile 4. Dishonourable 5. Detestable
- 6. Flattering

- a) 2, 3 and 6
- b) 1, 4 and 5
- c) 2, 4 and 6
- d) 1, 3 and 5

iii Which of the following is NOT an example of 'satyagraha'?

- a) People on a hunger strike as a mark of protest against a law.



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- b) People resorting to violence to ensure their demands are accepted.
- c) A few people blocking a roadway or passage peacefully.
- d) People participating in a silent march to protest against injustice.

iv Pick the option that lists the display of ‘crumpled heap’

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

Answers:

i.c) My alarm clock yells at me every morning until I get out of bed.

ii. a) 2, 3 and 6

iii. b) People resorting to violence to ensure their demands are accepted.

iv. Option 3

Answer in 30-40 words:

i Knowing too much of your future is never a good thing.’ In light of this quote, examine how knowing the future paved way for the king’s end.

ii. The Maharaja justified his actions based on the maxim: ‘You may kill even a cow in self-defence,’ so there would be no objection to killing tigers in self-defence.’ Do you think it is right to justify our actions in this way? Elaborate.

Journey to the end of the Earth

Read the extract and answer the questions:

i-) Students on Ice, the programme I was working with on the Shokalskiy, aims to do exactly this by taking high school students to the ends of the world and providing them with inspiring educational opportunities which will help them foster a new understanding and respect for our planet. It’s been in operation for six years now, headed by Canadian Geoff Green, who got tired of carting celebrities and retired, rich, curiosity-seekers who could only ‘give’ back in a limited way. With Students on Ice, he offers the future generation of policymakers a life-changing experience at an age when they’re ready to absorb, learn, and most importantly, act.



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i Students on Ice is headed by Geoff Green. Select the option to fill in the blank correctly.

- a) a travelogue
- b) an expedition
- c) a globetrotting
- d) a tour

ii Choose the option that marks the ODD ONE OUT based on your reading of the above extract.

- a) Sumit donates 10% of his monthly income to the environment-friendly NGOs.
- b) Manmeet and her twin plant a new plant on their birthday every year.
- c) Vivek invests in eco-friendly cosmetics that are packaged in plastic containers.
- d) Afsana plans to device a machine that recycles the biodegradable wastes from home.

iii Pick the option that characterizes the celebrities based on your understanding of the extract.

- 1. overachiever
- 2. zealous
- 3. miserly
- 4. impassive

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3, 4
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 4

iv Choose the option that lists the reasons for Green's programme.

- 1. making youngsters realize the gory reality of the planet.
- 2. provoking the youth to think about the future earnestly.
- 3. giving a chance of exploring the north pole to the young generation



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4. providing travel opportunities to students that were unfortunate.

a) 1, 2

b) 3, 4

c) 1, 3

d) 2, 4

Answers:

i.b) an expedition

ii. c) Vivek invests in eco-friendly cosmetics that are packaged in plastic containers.

iii. b) 3, 4

iv. a) 1, 2

Answer the questions in 30-40 words:

i. For the narrator, spending two weeks in Antarctica is a challenge not only for the body but also the mind. Elaborate.

ii. Based on the chapter, elucidate any three consequences that global warming will have on Antarctica.

iii. Students on Ice is a programme that prepares global citizens. Discuss.