



ENGLISH  
THE THIRD LEVEL

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Class: XII Sec: \_\_\_\_

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

*He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't? Everybody I know wants to escape, but they don't wander down into any third level at Grand Central Station. But that's the reason, he said, and my friends all agreed. Everything points to it. they claimed. My stamp collecting, for example; that's a 'temporary refuge from reality.' Well, maybe, but my grandfather didn't need any refuge from reality; things were pretty nice and peaceful in his days, from all I hear, and he started my collection.*

1) Why did Sam's verdict make Charley's wife 'mad'?

- A. It made it difficult for her to accept that Charley would consult a psychiatrist.
- B. It seemed to suggest to her that she was the cause of Charley's unhappiness.
- C. It made her aware of Charley's delicate state of mind.
- D. It offended her that Charley and Sam collectively accused her.

2. Sam's explanation to the reaction of Charley's wife was \_\_\_\_\_ in nature

- A. critical
- B. aggressive
- C. clarifying
- D. accusatory

3. Select the option that signifies the condition of people of the 'modern world' mentioned in the extract.

- (1) unsure
  - (2) lazy
  - (3) offensive
  - (4) anxious
  - (5) afraid
- A. (1) and (3)



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- B. (2) and (5)
- C. (2), (3) and (4)
- D. (1), (4) and (5)

**4. Select the option that displays a cause-effect set.**

	cause	effect
A.	Charley's stamp collecting	Wandering into the third level

	cause	effect
B.	Everybody wants to escape	Modern world full of insecurity

	cause	effect
C.	Charley's wandering into the third level	Charley's stamp collecting

	cause	effect
D.	Modern world full of insecurity	Everybody wants to escape

5. Why didn't Charley's grandfather need refuge from reality?
- A. He was too busy to bother.
  - B. He had chosen to deny his reality.
  - C. He lived in peaceful times.
  - D. He was a very secure person.

**Short answer type questions: (30-40 words)**

- 1) How does Charley describe Galesburg, Illinois, 1894?
- 2) What is a first-day cover?
- 3) How did Charley realise that he was on the third level?
- 4) How did Charley happen to reach the Third Level of Grand Central Station, New York?

**Long answer type question: 120-150 words:**

- 1) 'The Third Level' explores an intersection of time and space. Discuss.