

VISTAS-SUPPLEMENTARY READER

Term-I

THE THIRD LEVEL

—Jack Finney



STAND ALONE MCQs

[1 Mark each]

Q. 1. How was Charley convinced that he had reached the Third Level of Grand Central Station and not the second level?

- (A) A different world of gas lights and brass spittoons. (B) Beards and moustaches of 1894.
(C) Newspaper with a date June 11, 1894 (D) All of these

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: When he found himself on a different level, he was convinced that he had reached the third level at Grand Central Station as he found it a different world of gas lights, brass spittoons, derby hats, beards, side burns and fancy moustaches.

Q. 2. What particular difference did Charley notice at the Third Level of Central Station?

- (A) Everything was weird.
(B) Everything was old styled and smaller in size.
(C) Everything was too big.
(D) Everything was shining.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: The general layout of the third level was different from that of the second level. It had comparatively smaller rooms, fewer ticket windows and lesser train gates.

Q. 3. Why does Charley want to visit Galesburg?

- (A) To see the beautiful landscape (B) To enjoy
(C) To escape from the troublesome world (D) To meet his old friends

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: Charley wanted to go there to escape from insecurity, fear, war, worry and tension of the modern world.

Q. 4. Why did the narrator visit Third Level?

- (A) As a wish to visit Galesburg.
(B) He wanted to meet his friends.
(C) He wanted to take a break from his office routine.
(D) As a result of stress and anxiety in his mind.

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Visiting the Third Level was like a 'waking dream wish fulfilment'.

- Q. 5. Which of the following activities make one to overcome the insecurities of the present unfavourable times?
(A) By engaging ourselves in practical activities (B) By talking to friends and family
(C) Reading good books (D) All of these

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: People engage in various creative tasks, talk to close ones or even read good books to free themselves of the stressful times.

- Q. 6. What is inferred from 'Waking dream wish fulfilment'?
(A) A pleasant wish that makes one remember the past
(B) A pleasant wish that takes one to the future
(C) A pleasant wish which inspires to work
(D) A pleasant wish that makes one forget the present

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: This strategy makes one stress free and transports one to his dream world.

- Q. 7. How would you describe Charley's vision of his grandfather's life and times? (CBSE QB, 2021)
(A) Wistful escapism (B) Idealized sentimentality
(C) Nostalgic simplicity (D) Dreamy perfection

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

- Q. 8. 'The Third Level' refers to the third level at the Grand Central Station. As a metaphor, which of the following would NOT be an appropriate explanation of the title? (CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) The convergence of reality and fantasy.
(B) The bridge between the past and the present.
(C) The oppressive monotony of modern life.
(D) The need for an alternate plane of understanding.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

- Q. 9. How would you describe Charley? (CBSE QB, 2021)
(A) Confused, happy-go-lucky (B) Escapist, adventurous
(C) Imaginative, nostalgic (D) Friendly, responsible

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

- Q. 10. Which of the following is a conclusion that can be drawn from the story? (CBSE QB, 2021)
(A) Reality is indeed stranger than fiction.
(B) With all its worries, modern life is not worth living.
(C) The past is undoubtedly better than the present.
(D) Imagination might be the only great escape.

Ans. Option (D) is correct.



EXTRACT BASED MCQs

Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:

(1 × 4 = 4 marks)

[AI] I. 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 escape — maybe that's how the tunnel I got into... But I never told my psychiatrist friend about that idea. (CBSE QB, 2021)

Q.1. The above extract is NOT an example of _____.

- (A) allegory (B) analogy
(C) imagery (D) metaphor

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

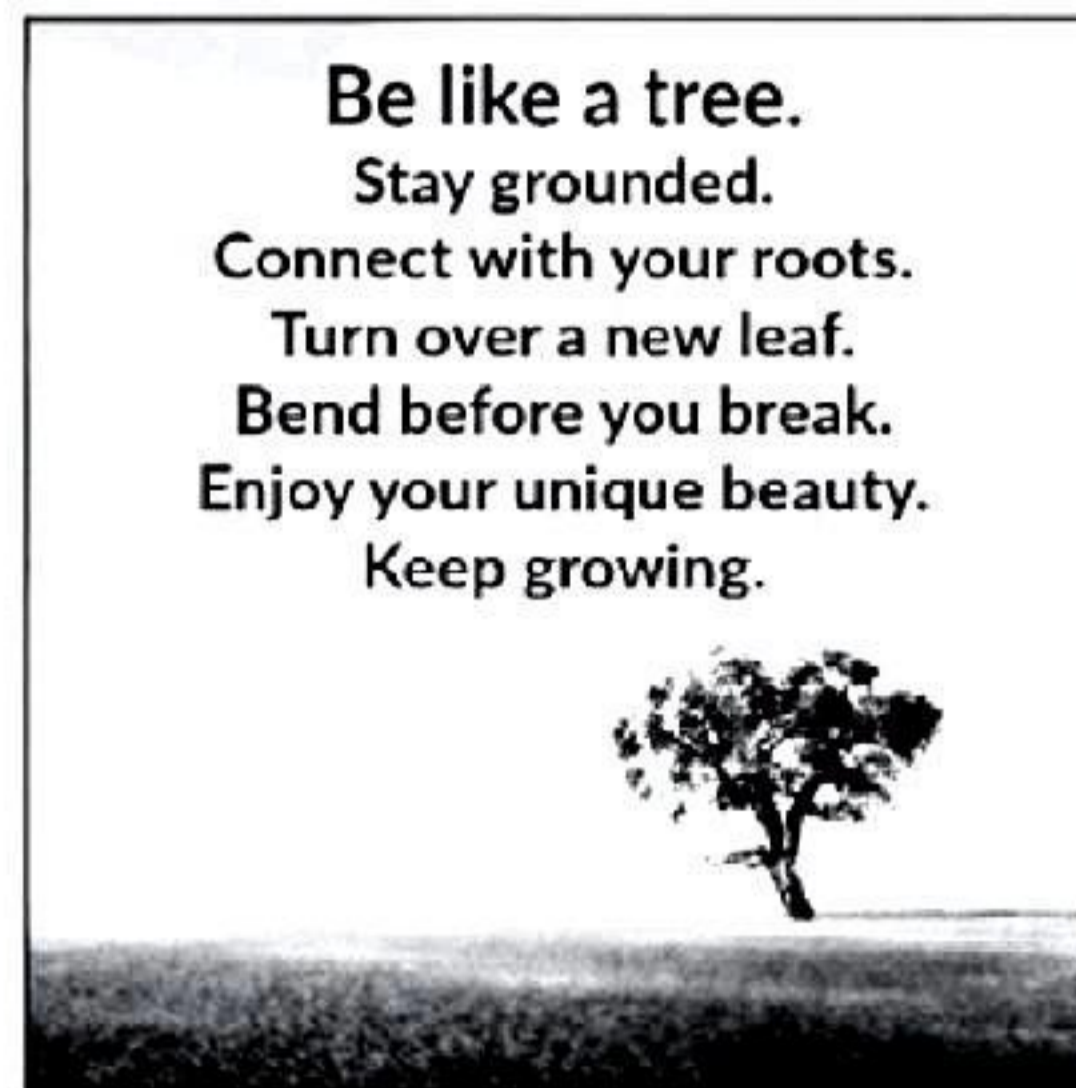
Q.2. Charley decided not to tell his psychiatrist friend about his idea. Choose the option that reflects the reaction Charley anticipated from his friend.

- (A) "That's such a lovely comparison. Why don't you become a writer, Charley?"
(B) "Oh Charley. It is so sad to see your desperation to run away! So very sad."

- (C) "Maybe that's how you entered the third level. Who would have thought?!"
 (D) "You need help, my raving friend. You are way too invested in this crazy thought!"

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.3. Look at the given image that lists some of the ways in which the symbolism of a tree is employed.



(CBSE QB, 2021)

Which of the following would represent an example as used by Charley in the above extract?

- (A) 'Stay grounded' as the train station is underground.
 (B) 'Connect with your roots' as he desires to go back to his past.
 (C) 'Enjoy the view' as the station leads to all tourist sights of the city.
 (D) 'Keep growing' as the station keeps renovating and expanding.

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.4. The idiom 'feeling its way' implies _____ movement.

- (A) swift (B) tentative
 (C) circular (d) disorganized

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

AI II. Have you ever been there? It's a wonderful town, still with big old frame houses, huge lawns and tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets. And in 1894, summer evenings were twice as long, and people sat out on their lawns, the men smoking cigars and talking quietly, the women waving palm-leaf fans, with the fire-flies all around, in a peaceful world. To be back there with the First World War still twenty years off and World War II over forty years in the future... I wanted two tickets for that. (CBSE QB, 2021)

Q.1. Who does 'you' refer to?

- (A) Charley's psychiatrist, Sam Weiner
 (B) Charley's wife, Louisa
 (C) The reader
 (D) Nobody in particular, it is a figure of speech.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. Choose the option that best describes the society represented in the above extract.

- (A) Content, peace-loving (B) Leisurely, sentimental
 (C) Orthodox, upper class (D) Comfortable, ancient

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.3. Imagine that the city of Galesburg is hosting a series of conferences and workshops. In which of the following conferences or workshops are you least likely to find the description of Galesburg given in the above extract?

- (A) Gorgeous Galesburg: Archiving a Tourist Paradise
 (B) Welcome to the home you deserve: Galesburg Realtors
 (C) Re-imagining a Warless Future: Technology for Peace
 (D) The Woman Question: The world of women at home

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. "tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets" is NOT an example of :

- (i) imagery (ii) metaphor
 (iii) alliteration (iv) anachronism
 (A) Options (i) and (ii) (B) Options (i) and (iii)
 (C) Options (ii) and (iii) (D) Options (ii) and (iv)

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

AI III. The presidents of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads will swear on a stack of timetables that there are only two. However, I say there are three, because I've been on the third level of the Grand Central Station.

Q.1. Who is 'T' in the above lines?

- (A) Jack
- (B) Galesburg
- (C) Sam
- (D) Charley

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.2. What will the presidents of railway stations swear?

- (A) There is only one level.
- (B) There are only two levels.
- (C) There are only three levels.
- (D) There is sometimes a third level.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. Why did 'T' contradict them?

- (A) He feels that there are two levels.
- (B) He feels that there are three levels.
- (C) He has never seen the third level.
- (D) None of these

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. Pick up the word which has the similar meaning as 'a pile of objects'.

- (A) Swear
- (B) Stack
- (C) However
- (D) Been

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

IV. I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine, among others. I told him about the third level at Grand Central Station and he said it was a waking dream wish fulfillment. 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.

Q.1. Who is the psychiatrist friend of 'T'?

- (A) Jack
- (B) Galesburg
- (C) Sam
- (D) Charley

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. How did his psychiatrist friend diagnose his problem?

- (A) Sleeplessness
- (B) Anxiety
- (C) Waking dream wish fulfillment
- (D) Both (A) and (B)

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.3. Why did the psychiatrist's analysis make Louisa lose her temper?

- (A) He had analysed that Charley was unhappy.
- (B) He had analysed that Charley was a prince.
- (C) He had analysed that Charley had become mad.
- (D) He had not shared his analysis report with Louisa.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. How did psychiatrist explain the problem of 'T' and appease Louisa?

- (A) He was trying to escape from his fears and frustrations.
- (B) He was trying to lead a happy life.
- (C) He was trying to become sufficiently rich.
- (D) He was trying to guide him.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

V. 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.'

Q.1. Who is 'he' in the above extract?

- (A) Galesburg
- (B) Sam
- (C) Charley
- (D) Jack

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.2. Which reason of the problem is being cited here?

- (A) Charley wanted to have refuge from reality
- (B) Charley wanted to become rich
- (C) Charley wanted to have a political career
- (D) Charley wanted to marry again

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. Which other evidence did prove that Charley was an escapist?

- (A) Hobby of collecting coins
- (B) Hobby of collecting butterflies
- (C) Hobby of collecting stones
- (D) Hobby of collecting stamps

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.4. Who, in Charley's ancestors, pursued philately?

- (A) His father
(B) His grandfather
(c) His great grandfather
(D) His maternal uncle

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

VI. 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.

Q.1. From which story have these lines been taken?

- (A) Should Wizard Hit Mommy?
(B) The Enemy
(C) The Third Level
(D) On the Face of It

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. Why does Charley say it is easy to get lost at the Grand Central Station?

- (A) Due to complex network of passages
(B) Due to too much crowd
(C) Due to wrong directions on the platform
(D) Due to lack of staff

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. How did Charley land up at the third level of the Grand Central Station?

- (A) Took a shortcut to the third level
(B) Misguided by the station master
(C) Lost his way inside the tunnel
(D) None of these

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. What does Charley compare Grand Central Station to?

- (A) Mountain
(B) Tree
(C) River
(D) Ocean

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

VII. To make sure, I walked over to a newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was 'The World,' and 'The World' hasn't been published for years.

Q.1. What is 'The World' in the above lines?

- (A) Journal
(B) Newspaper
(C) Fashion magazine
(D) Doctor's manual

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.2. Where did he see 'The World'?

- (A) The Third Level
(B) In the hands of the enemy
(C) Inside the grandfather's cupboard
(D) None of these

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. What other things did 'I' see there?

- (A) Outdated locomotive
(B) Old-fashioned clothes
(C) Fewer ticket windows
(D) All of these

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.4. How did Charley confirm the specific date of the era that he had gone into?

- (A) Public Library files
(B) Consulting a museum
(C) Reading a journal
(D) Consulting an astrologer

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

VIII. "That ain't money, mister," he said, "and if you're trying to skin me, you won't get very far," and he glanced at the cash drawer beside him. Of course, the money was old-style bills, half again as big as the money we use nowadays and different-looking. I turned away and got out fast. There's nothing nice about jail, even in 1894.

Q.1. Who is 'he' here?

- (A) Clerk
(B) Ticket checker
(C) Sam's grandfather
(D) Jack Finney

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. What did 'I' demand at the ticket-window?

- (A) Two tickets for Galesburg
(B) Return ticket to Washington
(C) Three tickets for the Giant Wheel
(D) Number of the winning lottery ticket

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. Why could 'I' not buy tickets?

- (A) The clerk did not have enough tickets.
(B) The clerk did not accept the modern bills.

- (C) The clerk was unaware of the place.
- (D) The clerk did not like the appearance of Charley.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. Why did Charley run back from the third level?

- (A) The clerk threatened to turn him to the police.
- (B) The clerk threatened to kill him.
- (C) The clerk attempted murderous assault on him.
- (D) None of these

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

IX. That night, among my oldest first-day covers, I found one that shouldn't have been there. But there it was. It was there because someone had mailed it to my grandfather at his home in Galesburg; that's what the address on the envelope said.

Q.1. What did 'I' find one night?

- (A) A strange coin
- (B) A strange stamp
- (C) A strange cover
- (D) A strange butterfly

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. What is first-day cover?

- (A) Coins bought on the first day of sale
- (B) Stamps bought on the first day of sale
- (C) Coins purchased that day
- (D) Stamps purchased that day

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. Who had mailed the letter to 'I'?

- (A) Sam
- (B) Charley
- (c) Jim
- (D) Louisa

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. Which date and picture did the envelope carry?

- (A) President George Washington
- (B) President Winston Churchill
- (C) President Garfield
- (D) President Donald Trump

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

X. I found out that Sam bought eight hundred dollars' worth of old-style currency. That ought to set him up in a nice little hay, feed and grain business; he always said that's what he really wished he could do and he certainly can't go back to his old business.

Q.1. Which place did Sam reach?

- (A) Galesburg
- (B) London
- (C) New Castle
- (D) Paris

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. What was the date on the letter?

- (A) Jan 18, 1894
- (B) Jul 18, 1894
- (C) Jan 18, 1994
- (D) Jul 18, 1994

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. How was Sam at new place?

- (A) Happy
- (B) Frustrated
- (C) Trapped
- (D) Irritated

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. What was Sam's occupation?

- (A) Physician
- (B) Physiologist
- (C) Chemist
- (D) Psychiatrist

Ans. Option (D) is correct.