

## CBSE Class 12 English Core

### Vistas Chapter-1

#### Third Level

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#### SHORT QUESTIONS

1. **Was the Third level a medium of escape for Charley? Why/Why not?**

**Ans.** Yes, Charlie was engulfed in the trials and tribulations of life so he created the third level himself to seek refuge in it. It eased his tensions and pressures and provided him a platform to relax.

2. **Why is Grand Central compared to a tree?**

**Ans.** Grand Central was compared to a tree because it was pushing out new corridors and staircases like roots. There may be a tunnel under the city up to Times Square and another to Central Park. Nobody knows about them. For many people it has been a exit, a way of escape through the years. So it is possible that it may have the tunnel Charlie got into.

3. **How did Charlie realize that he had reached the third level?**

**Ans.** Charlie saw brass spittoons, flickering gas lights, everyone dressed like in the 1890's with mutton sleeves side burns and moustaches. The engine was with a funnel shaped stack. The newspaper was dated June 11 1894. There were fewer ticket windows. This made him realize that he was on the third level.

4. **Why did he wish to escape to Galesburg?**

**Ans.** He wished to escape to Galesburg because it was a wonderful town with big houses, huge lawns, plenty of trees. The summer evenings were twice as long and people had lots of leisure time to sit out on the lawns. It was a peaceful world.

5. **What is First Day Cover?**

**Ans.** At the time when a new stamp is issued, stamp collectors buy some of them and use them in order to mail envelopes to themselves and the postmark proves the date. The envelope is called the First Day Cover.

6. **What is referred to as 'the obvious step'?**

**Ans.** The obvious step refers for consulting a psychiatrist. As a fact there are only two levels & it does not seem wise to visit non-existing third level. Therefore it was very apparent to consult an expert.

## LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

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

**Ans. Value Points:**

-Harsh reality—too oppressive at times-Stress, strain, fierce competition, fear of failure causes insecurity-Charley declares -ordinary guy-but not able to cope with the modern world -Wish to visit Galesburg of 1890 -old frame houses, huge lawns, beautiful trees - People sitting on lawns relaxed-calm and peaceful--Exchanging new currency for old currency, Roping in his wife and Sam into his third world, saying that Sam also bought old currency, the letter from Sam in his first day cover are all his figment of imagination.- It was a medium of escape - could not face the challenges -modern world.