

4. Do you see an intersection of time and space in the story?
- Yes, we see an intersection of time and space in the story. The first two levels of the Grand Central Station are in the present time whereas the third level is in the past time i.e. in 1890. Next instance is when Charley goes to get the old currency to buy two tickets, he could not get it as they are living in present. Sam's letter to Charley dates back to July 18, 1894.

5. Apparent illogicality sometimes turns out to be a futuristic projection. Discuss.

- It is true that apparent illogicality sometimes turns out to be a futuristic projection. Among all the creatures that possess an imaginative brain, human being is known to be the most intelligent. Almost all the inventions or discoveries made by the scientists or discoverers seemed illogical, but at a later stage when the inventions and discoveries turned out to be true, people started believing in them as their futuristic projection.

At the same time all the illogicality cannot become reality. As given in the story, a person cannot move from one era to another, in order to escape from the harsh realities of life.

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

- Philately helps keep the past alive. Besides, there are many other ways with which we can keep the past alive. Photography, collecting old coins, paintings, books etc are some of the ways to go in the past. We can also keep the past alive by following our traditions and cultural rituals.

It is a human tendency to constantly move between the past, present and future. This will enable him to plan for the future in the present by taking a lesson from the past.

7. You have read 'Adventure' by Jayant Narlikar in Hornbill Class-XI. Compare the interweaving of fantasy and reality in the two stories.

■ 'The Third Level' is a story about time travel. It is the concept of moving backwards or forwards to different points in time. This is what happens with Charley and Sam. While Charley discovers it accidentally, for Sam it is planned. In 'Adventure', Jayant Narlikar suggests the possibility of travel between parallel realities and universes. The situation is not within human control.

8. What does the third level refer to?

■ The third level refers to the subway at the Grand Central Station. This level leads to Galesburg, Illinois. Charley used it as a medium of escape from the harsh realities of modern life.

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1. Would Charley ever go back to the ticket counter on the third level to buy tickets to Galesburg for himself and his wife.
2. What is a first day cover?
3. What did Charley compare Grand Central with and why?
4. How does Charley describe Galesburg?