

1. Answer these questions.

1) How was the station is a lonely place?

Ans) The station is a lonely place because there was no one in the station and only there was one train in the morning and the one that had dropped Shankar off in the afternoon.

2) How did Shankar get a partial answer to his question about the barbed-wire fence around the station? What was the next part of the answer?

Ans) When the lion came in front of the glass door, Shankar froze in his chair. After the lion went away he recovered his wits and quickly bolted the door. Then get the partial answer to his question about the barbed-wire fence around the station. The next part of the answer was the other dangers besides the lion.

3) To escape from a black mamba is like being born again... What did the speaker say this? How do you think it felt for him 'to be born again'?

Ans) The black mamba is the meanest animal of

Africa and most dangerous one. If Shankar had moved his hand the snake can bite him. So that the speaker said "To escape from a black mamba is like being born again. By seeing the snake Shankar got frozen and he thought if he will move a little then the snake will bite him. That's why it felt for him 'to be born again'?"

4) According to the speaker, what was admirable about Shankar's character?

Ans) According to the speaker, the admirable about Shankar's character was, his life is about to get a whole lot more exciting.

5) What happened when the clock struck three?

Ans) When the clock began to strike three in the morning, Shankar was probably meant to live only till three because as soon as the clock struck, his hand shook and moved a little. Then two specks of light disappeared and snake was not there.

B. Read these lines from the text and answer the questions.

1. "How terrible. How could I have forgotten?"

(a) Who said this to whom?

Ans) Shankar said this to the gentleman.

(b) What had the speaker forgotten? Why did he think it was 'terrible'?

Ans) The speaker had forgotten to take down some drinking ~~was~~ water from train. He think it was 'terrible' because there is no water for drink-

~~(c) How did 'ing.~~

(c) How did the listener feel about this?

Ans) The listener did not feel anything.

2) It was in his blood.

(a) What was in Shankar's 'blood'?

Ans) Shankar's 'blood' is full of adventurous life.

(b) What does the speaker mean by this?

Ans) The speaker means that Shankar wants a life full of excitement.

3) How long had he to keep holding the torch?

a) Why was the speaker holding the torch?
Would what would happen if he moved the torch?

Ans) ~~He~~ He had to keep holding the torch till the clock struck 3 in the morning. If he moved the torch the black mamba can bite him.

b) What was the speaker's frame of mind at the time?

Ans) The speaker's frame of mind at the time was to stay ~~so~~ clam and not a little bit of movement.

4. the world vanished and was transformed into these two small, luminous spheres.

(a) What were the 'luminous spheres'? What literary device has been used here?

Ans) 'Luminous spheres' ~~are~~ are the shining eyes of the snake. The literary device has been used here is 'luminous spheres'.

b) What effect did the 'luminous ~~sph~~ spheres' have on the speaker?

Ans) The effect of 'luminous spheres' have a hyper-tized effect on the speaker.