

Question1

How was the third level different from the second level?

Answer

In the third level the room was smaller; there were fewer ticket windows and train gates. The information booth in the centre was wood and old looking. The man in the booth wore a green eyeshade and long black sleeve protectors. The lights were dim and flickering as they were open flame gaslights. There were brass spittoons on the floor.

Question2

How does the narrator describe Galesburg, Illinois?

Answer

The narrator states that Galesburg, Illinois is a wonderful town with big old frame houses, huge lawns and big trees whose branches roof the streets. Summer evenings were twice as long. People sat out on their lawns, men smoking cigars and talking quietly, the women waving palm-leaf fans.

Question3

What did the narrator do the next day when the clerk in third level warned him? Why was his psychiatrist friend worried over his action?

Answer

In the third level the clerk warned the narrator for tendering insufficient money for two tickets to Galesburg. The next day the narrator withdrew his entire money from the bank and bought old style currency to buy tickets. When his psychologist friend learnt it he became worried and thought that the narrator's 'ailment' could have created more problems.

Question4

What is so enigmatic about Sam Weiner's disappearance and resurfacing in Galesburg? What could his 'old business' be?

Answer

Sam Weiner's disappearance and resurfacing in Galesburg may be due to the narrator's insistence on the existence of third level, which affected his mind. He may have found Galesburg a good place and may have gone there.

Question5

What do you think does 'the third level' stand for?

Answer

I think the third level stands for the escapist's world -away from the world of worries, anxieties and tension. But why the narrator couldn't find it again though the psychiatrist found out is highly enigmatic. It may be narrator could overcome his escapist's tendency where as the psychiatrist fell in it.