

## English Comprehension (2019)

Q2. How was the crowd behaving?

Ans. A huge crowd had gathered around the pit. All of the people were eager to comprehend the situation. A couple of hundred people that <sup>had</sup> encircled the ~~the~~ area were excited to find out what was going on. Even the ladies were curious. All of them were elbowing and pushing each other to get a better view to overcome the peculiarity of the situation.

Q3. Why did the mood of the crowd alter?

Ans. The mood of the crowd altered at the site of the creature that had emerged through the cylinder. As the cylinder unscrewed, everyone seemed to be expecting a man to emerge out of it. However, an un-human entity with disk-like eyes resembling a snake popped out. The site of the creature's tentacles had shifted the mood from excitement to shock and disbelief.

The crowd was overtaken by fear and confusion. Some people even began to retreat. Therefore, the strange and unexpected sight altered the mood of the crowd.

Q4. What was the narrator's initial reaction to the 'Thing'?

Ans. Upon encountering the creature that had emerged from the cylinder, the writer's initial ~~shock~~ reaction was of shock and confusion. The writer has said to have a sudden chill overcome him when he first saw the 'Thing'. Even though the writer seemed to be petrified, he was also brave as he stood there alone while others retreated.

Q5. Why did the writer feel disgusted?

Ans. The writer felt disgusted because of the appearance of the Martian. In the oily brown skin of the creature, the writer could see fungoid growth that

seemed to be very unpleasant. Therefore, the mere site of the creature resulted in the writer feeling ~~awful~~ awful and disgusted.

Q1. What leads us to believe that the passage is from science fiction?

Ans. There are a number of cues in the passage that lead us to believe that it is a work of science fiction. At first, the peculiar appearance of the cylinder nudges one to ponder whether it is related to science fiction or not. Secondly, the description of the creature given by the writer that had emerged from the cylinder seems to be one of an extra-terrestrial entity. Finally, the writer mentions that people who have never seen a live Martian can barely grasp the horror of its appearance. Therefore, one can conclude that the passage is from a science fiction story.