

PAST PAPER (C43-2019)

Reading Comprehension

Q:1 How was the crowd behaving?

Ans- The crowd was extremely excited and curious to know what was there in the pit. There was a great suspense within the crowd standing around the pit. They were pushing each other in frenzy just to reach near to see into the pit.

Q:2 Why did the mood of the crowd alter?

Ans- Initially, the crowd was very excited to see the creature in the pit. However, when the "thing" emerged out of the pit, they got horrified because it was ugly, strange and frightening. They feared that the thing might attack them. Consequently, they started running away from the pit.

Q:3 What was the narrator's initial reaction to the thing?

Ans- The initial reaction of the narrator was that when he came to know about ^{the presence of} a horrible

in the pit, he imagined strange things. Driven by curiosity, he pushed through the crowd to reach nearer the pit and see the creature with his eyes.

Q:4 Why did the writer feel disgusted?

Ans- The writer felt disgusted when he saw the ^{face of the} "thing" (creature) because its features were strange, ugly, horrifying and nasty.

Q:5 What leads us to believe that this passage is from a science fiction story?

Ans- This passage is from a science fiction story as the situation described in it is not real but imaginary. In reality, no such creature exists. The creature described in the passage has unusual and horrible appearance, which reflects pure imagination.