

AN ALIEN HAND

[Comprehension Check]

Question 1. How does Tilloo manage to find his way to the ‘forbidden passage’?

Answer: One day Tilloo’s father was taking a nap at home and Tilloo managed to get hold of his security card. Then, escaping from his watchful mother’s eye, Tilloo made his way to the forbidden passage.

Question 2. What did Tilloo hope to see once he emerged from his underground home?

Answer: Tilloo had hoped that he would be able to see the sun (if it was day) or stars (if it was night) once he come-out from his underground home.

Question 3. Why did Tilloo’s father advise him not to try to reach the surface of the planet?

Answer: Tilloo's father advised him not to try to reach the surface of the planet because the air is too thin to breathe and the temperature is so low that you would freeze to death.

Question 4. What changes had occurred, which forced people to live in underground homes?

Answer: The sun became way too cold and hostile. The birds became extinct. Then the animals and fish followed too. The air grew thinner and the temperature fell extremely low. These changes forced people to live in underground houses.

Question 5. Why was everyone in the Control Room greatly excited?

Answer: Everyone in the Control Room was greatly excited because they got to know that two spacecraft were approaching their planet.

Question 6. Was the spacecraft manned or unmanned? How do you know it?

Answer: As per the reports of the Central Bureau, the spacecraft was unmanned. It only had instruments.

Question 7. What did Number One and Number Two suggest should be done about the alien spacecraft?

Answer: Number One suggested that they should let the spacecraft land and then it will be easy for them to make it ineffective.

Number Two suggested that they should just wait and watch as it would not be wise to reveal their existence to them, as they don’t know the power and intentions of the sender of those spacecraft’s.

Question 8. What do you think the mechanical hand was trying to do?

Answer: The mechanical hand was trying to collect soil samples of Mars in order to understand it if there was life on the planet.

Question 9. Tilloo pressed the red button and “the damage was done”. What was the damage?

Answer: The mechanical hand stopped working when Tilloo pressed the red button.

Question 10. Where had the spacecraft come from?

Answer: The spacecraft had come from the planet Earth.

Question 11. On which planet do Tilloo and his parents live?

Answer: Tilloo and his parents lived underground on the planet Mars.