

Question 1.

What was notable about the appearance of the Indian sprang?

Answer:

He was squat and looked very ugly. He was with short legs and a large disproportionate head.

Question 2.

Who were the passengers were on the Ranaganji?

Answer:

The passengers were on the Ranaganji were tourists and pleasure seekers.

Question 3.

Who was Miss Jope-Smith? Write a short character sketch.

Answer:

Miss Jope-Smith was a passenger on the Ranaganji. She was a thrusting person. She was over thirty but she dressed herself smartly and in a dashing style to look younger. She was a first class passenger on the Ranaganji. She was always seen with her male companion Ronnie. She was a snob and a big bore. Her comment about the serang was 'an absurdly comic creature'. When, at the end of the story, she asks the narrator whether he had kept the serang in a cage, the narrator gave her a befitting reply. He said that he had kept the serang in a cage but all the animals were outside. He meant that she was an animal with her rude remark about people and her showing off nature.

Question 4.

What was the condition of the seamen who were brought by the serang to Dr Cronin?

Answer:

The seamen did not look well. They complained of general illness, strong headache and severe bone pains. They looked frightened, as the doctor began to examine them. Both had fever. Their tongues were covered with thick sputum. They had dry skin, which is nature's gravest warning. The doctor then discovered hard little nodules under the wrist skin of each man. It was the sure symptom of smallpox.