Unit-3 Section-B Travelling with Grandfather’s Zoo

B. 1. Popeye the parrot, Grandmother, Grandfather, Timothy the tiger, the narrator and Chips, the squirrel, went on the journey.

2. Timothy behaved perfectly throughout the journey. He did not steal from vendors or shout at coolies. He did not break railway property, nor did he spit on the platform.

3. Almost all the passengers had bought large quantities of roasted peanuts. Chips, the squirrel, had no difficulty in making friends with both children and grown-ups, and within an hour, his tummy was almost bursting with the peanuts he had eaten.

4. When the narrator opened the tiffn basket, he saw the python inside, and all the food was missing. Pythons don’t chew; they swallow: outlined along the length of the large snake’s sleek body were the distinctive shapes of a whole chicken, a pie and six boiled eggs. The missing sandwiches were also presumably eaten, though there was no sign of them. Only a few apples remained. So they knew the python was well-fed.

5. The python had entered the washroom and curled up in the washbasin. After its heavy meal it had become thirsty and, finding the lid of the tiffin basket easy to pry up, had set out in search of water.

6. Aunt Mabel was a lover of good food. When she spotted the tiffin basket, she picked it up, and realising it was not very heavy, she offered to carry it out to the taxi. She added that she hoped they had kept something for her.

C. 1. a. The narrator says this.

b. He was a growing boy, so he was hungry.

c. No, the speaker was not able to eat anything because the python had eaten up all the food.

2. a. Grandfather says this to the narrator. The ‘him’ in this line is the python.

b. Grandmother was not able to see him because she had gone to sleep.

 c. Grandfather and the narrator tried to keep the python away from Grandmother by shutting the tiffin-basket and pushing it back under the berth.

3. a. The narrator said this to Aunt Mabel.

 b. He is talking about what Aunt Mabel thinks is the food inside the tiffin basket.

 c. Aunt Mabel opens the basket to find the python inside it.

4. a. Grandfather says this to Aunt Mabel.

 b. She had seen the half-asleep python with an apple in its mouth.

 c. She fainted away