

CHAPTER-04

MACAVITY, THE MYSTERY CAT

Question 1:

Read the first stanza and think.

- (i) Is Macavity a cat really?
- (ii) If not, who can Macavity be?

Question 2:

Complete the following sentences.

- (i) A master criminal is one who
- (ii) The Scotland Yard is baffled because
- (iii) because Macavity moves much faster than them.

Question 3:

“A cat, I am sure, could walk on a cloud without coming through”.

(Jules Verne)

Which law is Macavity breaking in the light of the comment above?

Question 4:

Read stanza 3, and then describe Macavity in two or three sentences of your own.

Question 5:

Say ‘False’ or ‘True’ for each of the following statements.

- (i) Macavity is not an ordinary cat.
- (ii) Macavity cannot do what a fakir can easily do.
- (iii) Macavity has supernatural powers.
- (iv) Macavity is well-dressed, smart and bright.
- (v) Macavity is a spy, a trickster and a criminal, all rolled in one.

Question 6:

Having read the poem, try to guess whether the poet is fond of cats. If so, why does he call Macavity a fiend and monster?

Question 7:

Has the poet used exaggeration for special effect? Find a few examples of it and read those lines aloud.

Question 1:

How does the poet describe Macavity and his pranks?

Question 2:

How does the poet support his statement ‘There is no one like Macavity’?