

Macavity : The Mystery Cat Poem 3

Macavity : The Mystery Cat NCERT Text Book Questions and Answers

Macavity : The Mystery Cat Working with the poem (Page 51)

Question 1.

Read the first stanza and think.

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

Answer:

- (i) Of course, Macavity is not really a cat.
- (ii) Macavity can be a master or expert criminal

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.

Answer:

- (i) can defy the law.
- (ii) they could not catch Macavity from the scene of the crime.
- (iii) Macavity is never found by the Flying Squad.

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 ?

Answer:

Here, Macavity is breaking the law of gravity.

Question 4.

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

Answer:

Macavity is a cautious cat. He is very tall and thin. He is the master criminal. He defies the law of gravity even. He wears a dusty coat and has sunken eyes. In fact, he is a mysterious cat.

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.

Answer:

- (i) True
- (ii) False
- (iii) True
- (iv) False
- (v) True.

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?

Answer:

The poet is fond of cats. He is so crazy about them. It seems that he has a pet cat Macavity who is mischievous. She does lawless things. The poet calls him a monster.

Question 7.

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

Answer:

- (i) He is the master criminal who can defy the law.
- (ii) He breaks the law of gravity.
- (iii) His powers of hesitation would make a fakir stare.
- (iv) He is a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity.