

CHAPTER-04**MACAVITY, THE MYSTERY CAT**

1. Read the first stanza and think.

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

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.

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?

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

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.

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?

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

8. How does the poet describe Macavity and his pranks?

9. How does the poet support his statement 'There is no one like Macavity'?

Long Answer Questions. (80-100 words)

- 1. Write a character sketch of Macavity.
- 2. Explain how cheating, dishonesty and suavity are negative qualities harming the society in light of the poem.
- 3. Why won't you have a pet like Macavity? Give reasons.