

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'?

- i. What is Macavity's nickname?
 - ii. Why is the Flying Squad frustrated?
 - iii. Which law does Macavity break?
 - iv. What makes the fakir stare in wonder?
 - v. Describe Macavity's appearance.
 - vi. Where can you encounter Macavity?
 - vii. Why does the poet say Macavity is 'outwardly' respectable?
 - viii. Who does the Secret Service suspect when a loss is reported?
 - ix. What is Macavity expected to be doing after committing a crime?
 - x. Mention any two qualities of Macavity.
 - xi. Which two characters does the poet refer to as examples of wicked cats?
 - xii. Why is Macavity called the 'Napoleon of Crime'?
1. Who does Macavity fool and confuse?
 2. What is the most remarkable thing about Macavity?
 3. What is the connection between "Fakir" and "Power of Levitation"?
 4. Describe some of the crimes committed by Macavity.
 5. Why are his eyes sunken?
 6. What do his lined brow and his high domed forehead show?
 7. Why is the coat dusty and his whiskers uncombed?
 8. What gifts does Macavity have that will make even a fakir stare in wonder?
 9. Can Macavity be ever accused of having committed a crime? Why not?
 10. What alibis did Macavity have that made it impossible to catch him?