

Chapter- 7

EVANS TRIES AN O-LEVEL**Sub-Concepts**

- **Clash of wits between a criminal and law enforcing authorities.**
- **Complacency and slackness in the minds of law enforcing authorities.**
- **Super cunning criminals playing and thrill.**

Expression of humour in the role played by the prison authorities**Period-1 (Pages – 70 – 74)****Introduction to the topic and the author.**

- Superior wit of a criminal to escape from Jain yet again.
- The author is a British novelist.
- He has written 13 mystery novels to his credit
- The famous novels written by him are-
 1. The Last Bus to Woodstock.
 2. The secret of Annex-3
 3. The Remorseful Day
 4. Death is now my Neighbour
- The main protagonist Evans in this story has the last laugh of hoodwinking everybody and escaping imprisonment yet again.

Characters in the story:

1. Secretary of the exam board.
2. The Governor of HM Prison, Oxford.
3. Javes Evans, a Prisoner.
4. Mr. Jackson, a Prison Officer.
5. Mr. Stephens, a Prison Officer.
6. The Reverend S. Mc Leery, an invigilator.
7. Mr. Carter, Detective Superintendent.
Mr. Bell, Detective Chief Inspector

Lesson initiation with comprehensive explanations Evans' Candidature:

- Evans gets permission to appear in the O-Level German Examination.
- The Governor of Oxford Prison requests the Secretary of the Examination Board in support of Evan's candidature.
- The Secretary agrees to the proposal and suggests to send one of the parsons as invigilator.

"Evans the Break"

- Evans is given the epithet 'Evans the Break' for his notorious record for escaping jail three times before.
- On 7th June at 8:30pm his German tutor wishes him good luck in the exam to be held the next day.
- One 8th June at 8.30am. Evans appears the exam from the prison cell after full scrutiny made by the Prison officers Mr. Jackson and Mr. Stephens.
- The Governor of the prison has made sure that all precautions are taken to avoid another escape by Evans.

Revered Stuart McLeery arrives at the Prison campus with all the exam materials in his small brown suitcase

Drilling of words and Linguistic expressions.

- Kleptomaniac:- obsession with stealing things.
- Card:- a witty entertaining person.
- Parsons:- member of the clergy
- Incommunicado:- unable to communicate with others.
- Grubby:- worn-out
- Ramrod:-absolutely
- Smouldered:-glowed with anger.
- Leered:-looked unpleasantly.
- Clanging:- a loud resonant metallic sound.
- Skinned:- thoroughly searched.
- Riveted:- fastened to something, attracted.
- Twang:- a strong ringing sound.

Related Questions from the portions taught

- Describe Evans as a person.
- Should Criminals in prison be given the opportunity of learning and education?
- Why is Evans called 'Evans the Break'?
- Why did the Governor of the Oxford Jail telephone the Secretary of the Examination Board?
- What precautions were taken by Mr. Jackson before the starting of the examination?

Period-2 (Pages – 75 – 80)

Lesson continuation with comprehensive explanation.

Evans Executes the Escape Plan

- Stephens escorts Stuart Mc Leery to the main gate to say him goodbye after the exam is over.
- Evans has already put on the appearance of McLeery and sits blood-drenched in the examination cell in a half-conscious state.
- Stephens discovers this horrible scene and gets panicky at this situation.
- Both Jackson and Stephens conclude that Evans had escaped from jail in the disguise of McLeery just after the exam was over.
- They also think that Evans has injured seriously Stuart Mc Leery who is sitting in the exam cell.
- Then the injured man, who is really Evans was taken to hospital by an order of the Governor of the Prison.

- In this way Evans Succeeded to hoodwink everybody and escaped from prison for the fourth time.
- The real Stuart Mc Leery was later discovered in his study, securely bound and gagged at Broad street.

The Governor understands Evans' plan of escape and gets furious at Mr. Jackson and Mr. Stephens for their idiocy

Drilling of words and Linguistic Expressions.

squelchy wodge of cloth:- a soaked mass of cloth.

Dredging:- uncover, digging out

good-for-a-giggle:- object of laugh or criticise

gullible:- easily deceived, fool

wreckage:- remains of damaged things.

Gorgon:- an ugly or terrifying woman.

Pinched:- stolen

rapped out:-spoke suddenly or sharply.

Fostered:- cherished, encouraged.

Related Questions on the Portion taught.

- Why was Stephens happy to see Mc Leery off the premises.
What scene Stephens did discover when he came back to look over Evans in
- his cell?
- Why did the injured Mc Leery insist Detective Superintendent Carter to go to Elsfield way?
- Why was the Prison Governor furious at Mr. Jackson and Mr. Stephens?

Why did the Governor call himself a good-for-a-giggle Governor?

Changing your Tomorrow

Period-4 (Pages – 87 – 91)

Lesson continuation with comprehensive explanation.

The Final Escape by Evans yet again

- After escape from prison, Evans was staying at Golden Lion hotel situated at Chipping Norton.
- Evans was feeling happy with his successful escape, but it was short-lived.
- He was captured in that hotel with a clever move by the Governor of the Prison.
- The Governor related that index number 313 and centre provided him clue to get the address of the hotel.
- The Governor orders to handcuff Evans and asks a Prison Officer to take him to oxford jail in a van.
- The Prison Officer was a friend of Evans and he unlocked the handcuff and asked the driver to drive towards Newbury.

Thus Evans has the Last laugh and escapes for the final time.

Drilling of words and linguistic expressions.

- Blonde:- a girl with a golden hair
- Mask:- covering on the face
- Ruefully:- with some sadness
- Pints:-small liquid measure
- Muddle:- confused or flustered
- Clamber:-climb with difficulty

Related questions from the portion taught:

- Where did Evans go after escaping from oxford Prison?
- How did the governor find out where Evans was staying?
- How was Evans arrested again?

How did Evans have the last laugh?



MIND MAP

Evans Tries An O-Level

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