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1) Which of these names has the speaker not given to Macavity?

Ans - c) Middlebone

2) Which of these organisations has not been affected by Macavity?

Ans - d) The United Nations

3) Write a brief description of Macavity based on your understanding of the third stanza.

Ans - Macavity is a ginger coloured cat. He is very tall and thin. He can be recognised from his eyes which are deeply sunken in. He has lines on his forehead, steeped with thoughts. He has a highly domed head, his coat is untidy and his whiskers are uncombed. Macavity moves like a snake and even when he is mistaken to be asleep, he is widely awake.

4) Make a list of the crimes that Macavity has committed.

Ans - Macavity has looted ~~and~~ food from the larder, rifled jewel case, consumed all the milk, etc. He has stifled Pekingese dogs. He has broken the green house glass and destroyed the trellis. Whenever the foreign office has found that a treaty that has ~~gone~~ ~~at~~ gone astray, or the Admiralty has lost some plans or drawings, they believed that Macavity is the culprit.

5. Who are Mungojerrie and Griddlebone? How are they related to Macavity?

Ans- Mungojerrie and Griddlebone are wicked cats, but their deceitfulness is nothing in comparison to Macavity. The poet compares Macavity to Napoleon, who is helped by his agents, Mungojerrie and Griddlebone, in controlling operations.

B1. Why is it useless to investigate Macavity?

Ans- It is useless to investigate Macavity as he never leaves any evidence at the scene of crime. It always appears as if he was never present at the scene. Also, he always has spare alibi to prove innocence.

2. What phrase is repeated in almost every stanza?

What is the significance of this repetition?

Ans The sentence 'Macavity is not there' is repeated throughout the poem. It signifies Macavity's cleverness as he manages to commit crimes everywhere but never leaves behind any evidence.

3. The speaker has exaggerated in some places for effect. Point out a few such instances. Write a line of your ~~own~~ own. Don't add to the description of Macavity using the same effect.

Ans The speaker has used exaggeration in many places. For example, Macavity can defy the law of gravity and move so fast that even the Scotland Yard is not

able to catch him.

Q1. Why do you think Macavity steals and commits crimes?

Ans- I think Macavity intentionally commits crimes. Activities that are ~~very~~ regular to him might be considered a criminal offence by others as they comprise minor destruction of property or disturbance to people.

Q2. Do you think the speaker is really talking about a cat in the poem?

Ans- I don't think the poet is talking about a cat in the poem. He must have ~~presented~~ presented a demon in the form of a cat.

The poem 'The peacock' by Sujata Bhatt explains how she gave a glimpse of a bird which according to her seems like a peacock.

She explains more about the beauty, appearance, and magnificence of the peacock in the first stanza. The second stanza pictures the poet waiting upon the peacock. She remembers how the elders told her to read a book while waiting for the bird, keeping full concentration in the book.