

## **MACAVITY**

**Macavity: the Mystery Cat** written by TS Eliot is a long poem about a villainous and wicked cat. The poem describes how he manages to commit all types of crimes and always escapes from being caught.

He breaks all the laws yet the police fails to catch him. He also has some alibi (his companions in crime). The poem is light in tone and theme is not serious. It is humorous in nature.

**I.ERC:**

**A.** You would know him if you saw him  
For his eyes are sunken in.  
His brow is deeply lined with thought  
His head is highly doomed;  
His coat is dusty from neglect,  
His whiskers are uncombed.

i) Name the poet.

- a) T.S. Eliot
- b) Nissim Ezekiel
- c) Todd Michael St.Pierre

ii) The character mentioned in the above lines is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Napoleon
- b) The evil scorpion
- c) Macavity

iii) The poetic device used in the 4th line is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Hyperbole
- b) Metaphor
- c) Alliteration

iv) The above lines will help the reader to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Build an image of the character
- b) That the character was careless

**c) Know how intelligent the character was**

**B. You would know him if you saw him, for his eyes are sunken in.  
his brow is deeply lined with thought ,his head is highly doomed  
His coat is dusty from neglect ,his whiskers are uncombed.**

**i.Why are his eyes sunken?**

**head is highly domed /His head is like a dome or like adults and  
therefore the eyes are inside.**

**ii.What do his lined brow and his high domed forehead show?**

**The cats lined brow shows that he is deep in thought. His high-domed  
forehead shows his mischievous nature.**

**iii.Why is the coat dusty and his whiskers uncombed?**

**Macavity is so doing all sorts of mischief that he has no time to clean  
his coat or comb his whiskers.**

**II Answer the following:- ( short answer)**

**a) Why is he called the Hidden Paw?**

**ANS:-master criminal, always escapes. The Scotland yard, cannot  
catch him. Hence he is called Hidden Paw.**

**b)What is 'Scotland Yard'?**

**ANS:-Scotland Yard is the headquarters of London Metropolitan  
Police Service**

**c)Describe Macavity.**

**III.Answer the following:- (long answer)**

**a)What is the most remarkable thing of Macavity?**

**Smartness/ super natural powers// confident/ doesn't leave a mark or  
grace,**

**b)Why is -Macavity the bafflement or Scotland Yard?**

**C)How does the poet support his statement ‘There is no one like Macavity’?**

**The poet calls Macavity a master criminal. He could make a good escape before the police came to the scene of crime. He befooled the soldiers and the flying squad. He was an outlaw. He was a master in his field. He was matchless, a devil in the shape of a cat.**

**IV.Illustrate Macavity according to you.Mention five qualities to prove that Macavity is intelligent.( omit the qualities that has been mentioned by the poet.**