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A Face in the Dark by Ruskin Bond

Answer the following questions with reference to Ruskin Bonds story, “Ä Face in the Dark”

[Referring to Q. No 9 of Section - C Prose (A Collection of Short Stories)]

Qa) What had Life Magazine called the school in which Mr. Oliver was teaching and why? (4)

Ans -Life Magazine had called it the ‘*Eton of the East.*’ /

It was so called because from before Kipling’s time , the school had run on English public school lines./ Most of the boys came from wealthy Indian families/ wearing blazers, ties and caps./

Qb) Describe the miscreant whom Mr. Oliver had encountered ; when he sensed that something was wrong. (4)

Ans.-The boy appeared to be crying./ His head hung down./ He held his face in his hands / and his body shook convulsively in a strange soundless weeping./

Qc) Narrate what happened after Mr. Oliver encountered the boy with no eyes , nose or mouth. (8)

Ans.-The torch fell from his trembling hand ./ He turned and scrambled down the path, / running blindly through the trees and calling for help./ He was still running when he saw a lantern swinging in the middle of the path./ He then encountered a watchman who asked him why he was running./ Mr. Oliver replied by saying that he saw something horrible, a boy weeping in the forest and he had no face./ The watchman repeated the same thing asking whether he really had no face , eyes, nose, mouth, nothing./ Then he raised the lamp to his own face which too had no features at all – and that’s when the wind blew the lamp out./

Practice Questions

- Q2) a) Mention the features of the school where Mr. Oliver taught. (4)
- b) Why did most people keep to the main road and not take the shortcut ?
Why did Mr. Oliver prefer it ? (4)
- c) And that's where the story should end. But for Mr. Oliver it did not end here..... What happened afterwards ? (8)

Note :

- Write the answers of both Q1) and Q2) in your classwork copy (Prose).
- Write the questions
- See that your answers are in points but **do not put a slash** after each point.
- Go through the chapter thoroughly before attempting the questions.