

Lesson 14

Overcoat (Ghulam Abbas)

Q.1: What was the colour of the overcoat of the young man?

Ans. The colour of the overcoat of the young man was brown.

Q.2: How did he look like?

Ans. He was a well-groomed young man. His hair was sleek and shining and he wore sideburns. His thin moustache seemed to have been drawn with a pencil. He had put on a brown overcoat with a cream-coloured half-opened rose in his button hole and a green felt hat which he wore at a rakish angle. A white silk scarf was knotted at his neck. One of his hands was slipped into his overcoat while in the other he held a polished cane.

Q.3: Why did the people come out on the Mall? [BISE Lhr. 2016, 2014]

Ans. People came out on the Mall to amuse themselves among the variety of hotels, restaurants, cafes and snack bars, each according to his own means.

Q.4: Who were the people wearing such dress and had come on the Mall?

Ans. It was not only the profligate but also those who were usually content to live with their loneliness had come on the Mall.

Q.5: Why was the cat shivering?

Ans. The cat was shivering because of the intense cold.

Q.6: Why did the driver of the truck speed away after the accident? [BISE Lhr. 2014, 2013]

Ans. The driver of the truck heard a shriek and realizing that something serious had happened sped away into the night.

Q.7: Who took the young man to the hospital?

Ans. A car was stopped, and the young man was loaded into it and taken to the hospital.

Q.8: What kind of music was played in one of the restaurants?

Ans. An orchestra could be heard playing in one of the restaurants. The music was foreign.

Q.9: What was the condition of the young man when he was taken to the hospital? [BISE Lhr. 2018]

Ans. The young man was badly hurt. There was a lot of blood about, and he was in a very precarious state.

Q.10: What were the names of the two nurses who were on duty in the hospital?

Ans. The two nurses on duty in the hospital were Shehnaz and Gill.

Q.11: Give a list of things found in the various pockets of the young man's overcoat?

Ans. The following things were found in the various pockets of the young man's overcoat: a small black comb, a handkerchief, six annas and a few pies, a half-smoked cigarette, a little diary in which names and addresses of a few people were noted, a list of gramophone records and a few handbills.

Q.12: What did the young man do at the music shop?

Ans. The young man examined a Spanish guitar with an air of a connoisseur and studied the price label attached to it. Then he lifted the cover of the keyboard of a huge German piano and played a few notes.

Q.13: What was the condition of the overcoat worn by the young man?

Ans: The overcoat of the young man was old but well-cut. Its material was of good quality. The lapels were stiff and sleeves well creased. The buttons were made of horn. They were big and shiny.