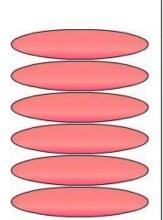
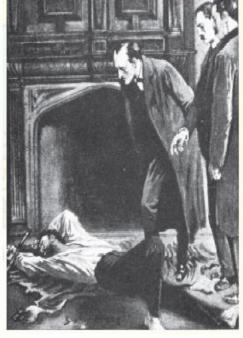


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Question 1. Look at the picture below and list some phrases and words that come to your mind when you look at it.





Answer:

A man, probably dead, is lying on the floor. The three men, taking a look at the dead man, are probably detectives.

The man's hands are cuffed. His death is possibly a murder.

He has been brutally beaten to death as there is lot of blood on the ground.

The man was hit by a rod, which is lying beside him on the ground.

The victim is either a burglar who broke into the house or the owner himself. He must have got killed in a brawl with the other one.

Question 2. (a) Did the man die a natural death or was he murdered?

- (b) Who is the man bending over him?
- (c) Was the dead man rich or poor?

Answer:

- (a) It is difficult to say that the man died a natural death. He seems to have been killed. His hands are cuffed and there is blood on the floor. There is a rod beside him, probably he has been hit on the head and brought to death.
- (b) The man bending over with the other two men is possibly a detective who is investigating the murder mystery. He is taking a keen look of the body and the other two men possibly are his

assistants accompanying him to solve the case.

(c) It is difficult to say on the basis of the photograph alone whether the man was rich or poor. His body is lying near the mantelpiece. Maybe he broke into the house where his body was found, as he possibly got killed in a brawl with the owner of the house. It is also possible that a thief broke into the house and killed the owner in a scuffle.

Question 3. Here are a police constable's notes of his investigation of the murder at Manor House. After reading the notes, discuss where the murder could have taken place. What was the motive behind the evil act? How was the act committed?

Answer: According to the notes the murder took place at the Manor House, Birlstone, on January the sixth. It is hard to conclude who died as the notes only say that the man was horribly injured and had terrible marks. There is no further information provided about the man. Yet it is possible that the Lord died as the servants were white faced. The butler also seemed really frightened. There is no information of where the lord was. So possibly the lord died. There is no remark that reveals the motive behind the murder. Even the cause of death or how the murder took place is not known yet. All that is known so far is that there is a state of wild confusion and alarm at the Manor House.

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