



Q31. What sort of hair did Evans have? How then did he personate McLeery?

Ans: Evans had long, wavy hair, whereas the hair of McLeery had been amateurishly clipped pretty closely to the scalp. Jackson had pinched Evans's scissors. So, he had to remove his hair off his head with his only razor. Then he kept his head covered with a bobble hat to prevent detection.

Q32. Jackson had thoroughly searched Evans's cell for two hours the previous evening. How then was Evans able to disguise himself as a parson?

Ans: Evans had really nothing hidden in the cell. It was McLeery who had worn two black fronts and two collars. Evidently, Evans put on one set of these. He used the blanket to cover his act. The parson suddenly seemed to have grown slimmer when he left the Oxford Prison.

Q33. "It was that bloody correction slip, I s'pose". Who said this, when and why?

Ans: Evans said this when he found the Governor of Oxford Prison in his room in Hotel Golden Lion in Chipping Norton. He knew he was beaten. The details of the escape plan were there on the correction slip and he had left it there on the table.

Q34. What two purposes did the correction slip serve? Which of them did Evans consider more important?

Ans: The correction slip provided Evans the name of the hotel and its location. Secondly, it contained the exact time the exam started. The really important thing for Evans was that the phone rang just before the exam finished. Thus, he was able to get the prison officers out of the way for a couple of minutes.

Q35. "How did you know which Golden Lion it was? There's imdreds of 'em," said Evans. How did the Governor of Oxford Prison locate the hiding place of Evans?

Ans: The Governor told Evans that he used the same method as Evans had done. The six-figure reference 313/271 was formed by two hints—Index number 313 and Centre number 271. If one takes an Ordnance Survey Map for Oxfordshire, this number lands one bang in the middle of Chipping Norton.

Q36. "Tell me one thing before we go. How on earth did you get all that blood to pour over your head?" asks the Governor. How does Evans react to this question?

Ans: Evans looked a little happier. He said it was very clever to get a couple of pints of blood into a cell. There was none there to start off with. The "invigilator" got searched before he came in. Evans refused to disclose it as he might use that trick again. Governor then enquired if it was anything to do with a little rubber ring for piles. Evans grinned and asked if it wasn't clever.

Q37. "Must have been a tricky job sticking a couple of pints." "Nah! you've got it wrong, sir. No problem about that." In the light of the above remarks, explain what problem regarding blood Evans faced and howjt was solved?

Ans: Storing blood in the rubber ring was not the problem. It was

clotting that was the big problem. They got pig's blood from slaughter house in Kidlington. But to stop it clotting actual blood has to be mixed with one-tenth of its volume of 3.8 per cent trisodium citrate.

Q38. How did Evans manage to plan the escape from, prison?

Ans: The Governor had taken enough precautions. Evans had no visitors. He had no letters. Evans told the Governor that he had got lots of friends. He gave the example of his German teacher. The Governor said he was from the Technical College. Evans seemed to enjoy all this and asked if he had checked it. Reluctantly, the Governor had to admit that far more was going on than he thought or imagined.

Q39. What suggestion did the handcuffed Evans make while clambering to van?

Ans: Evans observed that the Governor's German was pretty good and asked if he knew any more of the modern languages. When the Governor said, "Not very well," Evans grinned happily. He said that he had noticed that they had got some O-Level Italian classes coming up next September. The Governor said that perhaps he wouldn't be with them next September. Evans pondered over these words and said that he wouldn't.

Q40. Who, do you think, has the last laugh—the Governor or Evans? How?

Ans: The Governor is complacent that he has nabbed the run away prisoner and soon the police van will land him in prison. However, facts prove otherwise. As the van turns to the Oxford road, the silent prison officer unlocks the handcuffs and asks the driver to move on fast. The driver enquires in broad Scots accent where they should make for. Evans suggests Newbury. It is crystal clear that the two persons are accomplices of Evans. He has escaped from prison once again. Hence, it is Evans who has the last laugh.

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