



EVANS TRIES AN O-LEVEL

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Evan's Request for O-level Exam

- It's Early March, The Governor of Oxford Prison telephoned the secretary of the Examination board.
- Requested to conduct an O-level German Examination.
- Prisoner 'James Roderick Evans had no record to Violence.
- He is pleasant, fun-loving, expert at imitation, but a kleptomaniac.
- He had night classes in O-level German in the prison.
- Request was approved.
- One person from St. Mary Mags will act as an invigilator.

Evans the Break

- Evans had escaped the prison 3 times.
- The Governor doubted his real intentions of clearing the exam.
- 7th June, 8:30 am, was the exam time.
- German Autor did not except Evans to clear the exam.

Precautions

- Two officers visited Evans.
- Jackson – a senior officer and 'Stephens' – a new recruit.
- Jacksons and Evans were enemies.
- Evans kept his dirty bobble hat, saying it was his good luck charm.



- Stephens took his razor back after he shaved.
- His nail scissors and file were-taken away.
- A listening device with receiver in the Governor's room was connected to the cell.
- All precautions were taken.

Reverend Stuart Mcleery

- Reverend Stuart Mc Leery was appointed for examination.
- At 8:45 am, he arrived with a suitcase & other items.
- A sealed question paper, yellow invigilation form, special authentication card, a paper knife, a Bible & a current copy of the Church Times.
- The exam was of two hours, to be start at 9:15 am.
- Stephen set two small square tables and bought two chairs.
- A bug was set in cell, because no one would take chance with Evans.

The Examination Begins at 9:25 am

- Mc Leery's suitcase was searched.
- Found a small-inflated rubber ring.
- It was to him in sitting in particular position because he had piles.
- Necessary instructions were given.
- To write down paper's name 021-1, index number 313 & centre number 271.
- Stephen was called out from the cell by Governor
- At 9:40 am, the Assistant Secretary for Modern Languages informs the Governor about the correction.
- Correction was on page three line fifteen by the invigilator.
- Stephen was keeping an eye through a peephole.
- Evans had pen between his lips and requested for blanket at 10:50 am.

Evans Escapes from the prison



- 3 mins left before exam, The Governor instructed Stephens to accompany Mc Leery to the main gate.
- Stephen observed that the invigilator had grown thinner.
- His Scottish accent was more noticeable.
- Suddenly he saw a man sprawled back in Evan's chair
- Blanket was slipping from his shoulders.
- Blood was splattered.
- They thought it was Mc leery and Evans had escaped.
- Injured man tells the governor about the photocopied sheet that had been super imposed over the last page of the question paper.
- Instructions said – Not to hit Mc leery too hard.
- 3 min before exam were very important.
- Not to overdo the Scottish accent.
- He told them that Evans has gone towards Elsfeld way.
- The Governor asked carten to take Mc Leery with him; because only he know what happened.

Furious Governor

- Scolds both officers for letting Evan go.
- He had not made any call at 11:22 am i.e. three minutes before the exam was over.
- Jackson did not search the cell properly.
- Governor looked at the photocopied slip & thought of New bury.
- He ordered the driver to take Jackson & Stephens to St. Aldated police station to meet chief inspector Bell.
- Evans left the question paper mistankenly which led him to Mr Clever- Clever Evans.
- Carter informed that Mc leery had seen Evans driving off along Elsfeld way.



- When Governor asked about Mc Leery to Carter, he told him that he was left at Radcliffe Hospital.
- But Mc Leery was not there at hospital.
- Real Mc Leery was bound & gagged in his own study. Since 8:15 am
- Evans did not walk out, he stayed in the prison.

The Final Escape

- In the Norton, at 'The Golden Lion'. Evan was there.
- Regretted sharing his head bad got to keep his hat fortunately.
- When he walked to his room, his heart skipped a beat.
- The Governor was in the room.
- Governor got the clue about the hotel's name. It had index number 313 and centre number 271.
- To create real blood, the rubber ring was filled with pig's blood and 3.8% trisodium tetraborate.
- German teacher was friend of Evans
- Governor was impressed
- Evans was hand cuffed by a prison officer.
- In the cab with two officers, his handcuffs were unlocked.
- Evans moved to Newbury as those people were not officers. But his friends.



SUMMARY

Story started in early march. When the Governor of Oxford Prison telephoned the secretary of Examination board, to conduct an O-level German Examination for Evans 'a prisoner'. Since he had no record of violence and was a pleasant personality, the examination was conducted. He took night classes and the request was approved. A parson from St. Mary mags will be sent for invigilation. Evans already escaped the prison 3 times. The exam was scheduled for 7 th June, 8.30 am. Two officer were given the responsibility one was Jackson – a senior officers and other was Stephens – a new recruit. Jackson & Evans were enemies. Evans wore a bubble hat as a good luck Charm. All sharp items like razor & blade, nail, scissors and file were taken away. At 8.45 am , Mc leery arrived with items like a sealed question paper, yellow invigilation form, special authentication card, a paper knife, a Bible a current copy of 'The Church Times'. A bug was also set in cell. Mc leery bought a semi inflated rubber ring because of his piles. After few minutes from starting the exam, Governor got a call for correction in Question paper. Three minutes before exam, the Governor instructed Stephens to accompany Mc leery to the main gate. Stephen got thinner and had more Scottish accent. A man was Sprawled back in Evan's chair & blanket slipped from his shoulders and the blood was splattering Mc leery was hurt in cell and Evans had escaped. The last sheet of the question paper had been super imposed over the last page. It had instructions saying Not to hit Mc leery too hard and not to over do the scotthish accent. He told that Evans had gone towards Eastfield way. Governor guessed Evans would go to New burry. Mc Leery on the other hand was left at Rad Cliffe hospital but he was not there. Real Mc leery was bound & gagged in his own study since 8:15 am Evans did not walk out, the injured man in the prison was Evans only, not Mc lerry. It was all part of the plan. Evans escaped to a hotel 'The Golden Lion' in



Norton. He regretted shaving his head but got to keep his hat fortunately. In the room, he saw governor. Governor got the clue about the hotel's name, it had index number 313 and centre number 271. The Governor understood the clue, same way Evans got it. The rubber ring had pig's blood with 3.8% trisodium citrate to avoid clotting Evans was hand cuffed by prison officers but in the cab his handcuffs were unlocked. Hence, those were not real officers but Evan's friends. Evans moved to New burry and escaped the prison.