

A DETAILED RE-CAP

Evans tries an O-Level

- James Roderick Evans – a prisoner
- earlier escaped thrice from the prison
- therefore titled ‘Evans the Break’
- started night classes in O-Level German (in the prison in sep)
- Govt. arranged to examine Evans for O-Level in his prison cell
- On the exam day he was given time to smarten up
- Unshaven and having a filthy looking hat
- refused to remove the cap that’s lucky

• Examination Arrangements

- removal of razors and nail scissors
- set tables opposite each other and placed two hard chairs in the cell
- deputed Stephens on D-Wing and newly recruited to visit Evans’ prison
- invigilator Mc Leery left his house at 8:45 am as the exam was to begin at 9:15 am.
- Mc Leery came, having a brown suitcase, semi-inflated rubber tube, needed for haemorrhoids (piles)

• The Exam Begins

- asked Evans to write index No., centre No, 313 and 271
- at 9:40 a.m. a call from Exam Board-Assistant, for correction slip
- Evans hardly understood anything, kept his pen between lips and staring towards the door
- at 10:15 Evans requested for a blanket
- The exam got over at 11:20
- Hearing the Governor’s order at 11:22 a.m. Stephens accompanied McLeery to the prison gate
- On the way asked McLeery about Evans success in the exam
- McLeery’s answer made him feel doubtful, his broader Scots accent, to be slimmer due to long black overcoat.

• Evans Escapes

- After seeing McLeery off, wanted to go for coffee, must take one last look at Evans
- he saw McLeery sprawled in Evan’s chair slipping the blanket and blood dripping through the beard.
- instead of calling ambulance McLeery low moaned and asked for police to call
- he knew where Evans was
- opened the German Q. Paper and found a photocopied sheet carefully and cleverly superimposed over the last page of Q. Paper
- Instructions and the plan written in German as Make your way to Neugraben
- Governor was furious, not made any call to see off McLeery at the prison gate
- Governor wanted to know about the false beard, spectacles and other things
- Later the Governor was puzzled Mcleery was not in the hospital
- The ambulance sent to Elsfield to pick, Mc Leery but just vanished
- After a quarter and half an hour they found McLeery bound and gagged
- Now they understood it was not Evans impersonating as McLeery who had walked out but it was Evans, impersonating Mc Leery who stayed in

- Final Escape

- reached his hotel at Golden Lion
- very happy for his successful plan
- able to hide his closely cropped hair due to lucky hat
- as he reached the reception, found the receptionist not the same girl
- collected the keys, asked for early morning call at 6.45 am.
- as entered the room, shocked to see the Governor sitting on the narrow bed
- finally spoke that was the correction slip which he left behind, given the clue about
- Index No. 313, Centre No. 271 the six figures 313271 got him there (ordinance map)
- Governor wanted to know where the blood came from, answered that was pig's blood in ring mixed with trisodium salt
- told about his German friend, helped him (the German teacher in the cell since sep)
- winked at the receptionist and get back
- Handcuffed and clambered into the back seat of prison van, As he turned right, unlocked hand cuffs and asked to drive fast
- on the driver's query, suggested Newbury