

Chapter-4

On the Face of It

Short Answer Questions

1. **Why did Derry avoid people?**

Ans. Derry used to avoid people, became reclusive and introvert. Actually, his physical deformity took a toll on his mental health. He perceived that everybody was looking at and thinking about him. Thus, he developed a sort of inferiority complex and shut himself within his self-imposed confinement, out of reach of the outer world.

2. **Why did Mr. Lamb keep the door of his home open?**

Ans. Mr. Lamb was projected as the other side of the coin, in sharp contrast of reclusive and cocooned Derry. Mr. Lamb was a forthcoming fellow with open personality despite his physical impairment. He had many friends and welcoming attitude towards one and all. His open personality is represented by the open doors and curtainless windows of his home.

3. **Why did Derry come back to meet Mr. Lamb?**

Ans. Mr. Lamb's attitude towards life changed the mindset of Derry in short meeting. Derry found wings, a new perception about himself which opened a whole new world for him and gave him a new lease of life. Though, his mother tried to stop him to revisit Mr. Lamb, but Derry never listened to her.

4. **What did Derry's mother think of Mr. Lamb?**

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Why did Derry's mother stop him, going to Mr. Lamb?

Ans. Derry's mother does not hold a good opinion about Mr. Lamb. She has heard many things about the old man, therefore, stops Derry to visit Mr. Lamb.

5. **Why does Derry go back to Mr. Lamb in the end?**

Ans. Actually Mr. Lamb has taught Derry, the most important lesson of life. He advises him not to care about the comments made by others. He now no longer cares about his burned face or looks. He is more concerned what he thinks and feels, what he wants to hear and see. He returns to Mr. Lamb.

6. How does Mr. Lamb influence Derry?

Ans. Lamb tells that he is old and has a tin leg. Children tease him calling Lamey-Lamb, but still they come to his garden. They are not afraid of him because he is not afraid of them. He is never bothered about his old age or tin leg as life has many more things to offer.

Long Answer Questions

1. The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of isolation felt by the person with disabilities. How can we help and support them?

Ans. Actual pain or inconvenience caused by physical impairment is often less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. Physical disabilities cause pain once in life time and cause mental agony.

Mr. Lamb is called Lamely Lamb and mothers were afraid of sending the children because of his tin leg. Derry has burnt face and everyone pities him. Only the mother could love that face. Both Mr. Lamb and Derry have been the victims of verbal atrocities. Mr. Lamb takes comments lightly. But Derry does not have the attitude like Mr. Lamb. Attitude of the people needs to be changed. Disable persons do not want sympathy but to be accepted them as they are. Wounds get healed but bitter comments never forgotten and leaves a scar.