

UNIT-2A

Questions And Answers:

- 1. How did Oliver feel when he was asked to appear before the live board?**

Answer: Oliver was astonished by the information of appearing before the live board. He was not quite certain if he ought to laugh or cry. Rather, he had no time to think about the matter.

- 2. Why did Oliver tremble and cry in the white-washed room?**

Answer: Oliver trembled and cried in the white-washed room as the beadle gave him a tap on his back with his cane.

- 3. “What is that,?” inquired poor Oliver. What does ‘that’ refer to?**

Answer: ‘That’ is referred to the word ‘Orphan’.

- 4. What kind of people were the members of the board? Justify your opinion.**

Answer: The members of the board were very wise and philosophical men as per the text. The members of the board knew how to tackle the people of the workhouse.

According to me, the members of the board were people with hard heart and no compassion. Their opinion regarding the poor was very cruel. They believed poor should be given only two alternatives-either to starve quickly outside the workhouse or gradually inside the house. So, from this we can say even though they were wise but they weren't compassionate.

- 5. What main differences do you notice between the children and the master? (Observe the physical appearances, dress, behaviour, etc.) What can you infer from these differences?**

Answer: There is a huge difference between the children and the master. The master was fat, healthy man but he was very pale. From his behaviour, we can say that he was a strict kind of a person but somewhere he had a slight care, due to the environment of the workhouse.

While, the children looked pale and thin for not getting enough to eat. The children had excellent appetite. But, they were not given to eat properly. They suffered from slow starvation.

- 6. How do you look at Oliver's request, "Please, Sir, I want some more!"? What compelled him to say this?**

Answer: The children at the workhouse suffered from slow starvation. Oliver Twist was one among them. Oliver was a polite boy who always believed in helping others. So, he became the spoke person of all the children who suffered slow starvation and with courage asked for more.

- 7. What happened to Oliver at the end of the story?**

Answer: Oliver Twist was ordered into instant confinement and a bill was pasted on the outside of the gate the next morning offering a reward of five pounds who would take Oliver off the hands of the parish. We can say, five pounds and Oliver Twist were offered to anyone who wanted an apprentice to any trade, business and calling.