

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

WORD GALAXY

- **holograph:** a manuscript handwritten by the person named as its author
- **decease:** death
- **benefactor:** a person who gives money or other help to a person or cause
- **immodest:** lacking humility or decency
- **hitherto:** until now or until the point in time under discussion
- **fiend:** an evil spirit or demon
- **obnoxious:** extremely unpleasant
- **boisterous:** noisy, energetic and cheerful
- **geniality:** the quality of having a friendly and cheerful manner
- **protégé:** a person who is guided and supported by an older and more experienced or influential person

Q 1. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words

a) What was Mr. Utterson's custom on Sunday?

Ans: It was Mr. Utterson's custom on a Sunday, when his meal was over, to sit close by the fire, with a volume of some dry divinity on his reading-desk, until the cloak of the neighbouring church rang out the hour of twelve and then he would go soberly and gratefully to bed.

b) What was written in Dr. Jekyll's will?

Ans: The will of Dr. Jekyll stated that in case, Henry Jekyll dies, disappears or in case of unexplained absence for any period exceeding three calendar months, all his possessions would be passed to his friend, Edward Hyde. In case of Dr. Jekyll's disappearance, Edward Hyde should step into Henry Jekyll's shoes without further delay and free from any burden or obligation, beyond the payment of a few small sums to the members of the doctor's household.

c) Describe the meeting between Dr. Lanyon and Mr. Utterson's at Cavendish Square.

Ans: When Mr. Utterson arrived at Dr. Lanyon's house, Dr. Lanyon sprang up from his chair and welcomed him with both hands. The scene although seemed dramatic had genuine feelings. The two conversed about Dr. Jekyll as they were the only friends he had.

d) Why did Dr. Lanyon and Dr. Lanyon and Dr. Jekyll part ways?

Ans: Dr. Lanyon despite being, Dr. Jekyll's childhood friend had a different of opinion. Both of them differed in their approach to science. It was almost ten years since both of them parted their ways. According to Dr. Lanyon, Dr. Jekyll started to lose his mind and started going wrong in the things he did.

Q 2. Answer the following questions in 80-100 words.

a) What was the step taken by Mr. Utterson in order to save Dr. Jekyll's will from evil hands?

Ans: On noticing the contents of the will, Mr. Utterson was greatly disturbed. He had never heard of Edward Hyde and this sparked suspicion in his mind. He makes it a point to find out the truth about this character on his own. He went to Cavendish Square to meet Dr. Lanyon, old friend of Dr. Jekyll. He enquired about Dr. Jekyll and Lanyon's friendship. The two conversed about Dr. Jekyll as they were the only friends, he had Dr. Lanyon described how he and Dr. Jekyll parted ways because of the difference in their approach to science. He also enquired if Dr. Lanyon knew about a protégé that Dr. Jekyll had. On learning the answer that such a person never existed, the identity of Mr. Hyde became questionable for Mr. Utterson.

b) What kind of person was Utterson? Give reason.

Ans: Mr. Utterson was a great friend. Even though his profession demanded him to keep his client's interest. He took personal interest in Dr. Jekyll's will even though he refused to assist in making the will. He must to great lengths to make sure that Dr. Jekyll's will's was not made against his will. He was greatly disturbed by the reference made to Mr. Hyde as he didn't know anything about this character. This made him suspect foul play. As a result, he made it a point to meet Dr. Lanyon, in the pursuit of finding the truth about Mr. Hyde. He was curious, practical man who stopped at nothing in finding the truth.

Q. Extra Questions and Answers.

1. What does Dr. Jekyll's will stipulate?

Ans: After the death or prolonged absence (exceeding three months) of Dr. Jekyll,

all of his assets will be given to Mr. Hyde.

2. What are the full names of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde?

Ans: Henry Jekyll and Edward Hyde are the full names.

3. Did Utterson know before that Sunday who the man named in the will was?

Ans: Yes, Utterson knew before that Sunday who the man named in the will was.

4. Who lives at Cavendish Square?

Ans: Dr. Lanyon lives at Cavendish Square.

5. What does Lanyon look like?

Ans: Lanyon is a hearty, healthy, dapper, red-face gentleman, with a shock of hair prematurely white, and a boisterous and decided manner.

6. How does Lanyon look like?

Ans: Utterson knew Lanyon as they were old friends from school and college.

7. What interrupted the friendship between Lanyon and Jekyll?

Ans: Something went wrong in mind with Jekyll, and he, Lanyon saw little of each other.

8. What question prompts Utterson to go to Lanyon's house at midnight?

Ans: The question that prompts Utterson to go to Lanyon's house at midnight was whether Lanyon had ever met Mr. Hyde.