

- Q.1    Why did Mr Lamb help Derry?**
- Q.2    In what sense is the friendship between Mr Lamb and Derry fruitful?**
- Q.3    If you were to give a different ending to the story, ‘On The Face of It’ how would you end it?**
- Q.4    How does Mr Lamb keep himself busy when it is a bit cool?**
- Q.5    Why does Mr Lamb leave his gate always open?**
- Q.6    What is the bond that unites the two—Mr Lamb, the old and Derry, the small boy?**
- How does the old man inspire the little boy?**
- Q.7    What qualities of Mr Lamb attracted Derry to him?**
- Q.8    What did Derry’s mother think of Mr Lamb?**
- Q.9    How does Mr Lamb try to remove the baseless fears of Derry?**



# SOLUTION

(ENGLISH)

## ON THE FACE OF IT

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TOPIC – ON THE FACE OF IT

- Sol.1** Mr Lamb and Derry were both victims of physical impairment or deformity. However, unlike Derry, who became enrittered because of it, Mr Lamb was always full of life. His physical suffering had failed to damper his spirit. Thus, Mr Lamb helped Derry because he wanted him to change his perspective towards life and enjoy every moment of it.
- Sol.2** The friendship that flourished between Mr Lamb and Derry was indeed fruitful. Mr Lamb's unending enthusiasm and unceasing zeal to live life despite all odds helped Derry change his outlook towards life. Derry, who was just carrying on an unhappy existence, was able to see some meaning to his life after meeting Mr Lamb.
- Sol.3** The ending of the story, 'On the face of It' is very sad as Mr Lamb is probably dead. In my opinion, such a beautiful story should not have such a tragic ending. In the end, Derry should have saved Mr Lamb from falling by holding the ladder at the last moment. This would have given a message of hope.
- Sol.4** Mr Lamb was a person who could survive and enjoy in all circumstances and seasons. When it got cooler, Mr Lamb kept himself busy by breaking the crab apples from the trees in his garden and making jelly from them.
- Sol.5** Mr Lamb always left his gate open because he did riot mind strangers entering his house or garden. Probably also because he was not afraid of anything.
- Sol.6** It is physical disability in different forms, the empathetic feeling that creates a bond, which unites the old man and Derry. Although both face the same problem, there is a vast difference in the attitude to and perception of the problem.  
The old man has an upper hand #n life and experience due to his age, which gives him the zest to inspire the little boy.
- Sol.7** Mr Lamb was aperson full of life. Sadness or negativity found no place in his world. His physical impairment and people's humiliating remarks had failed to dampen his spirit. His undying optimism and ever friendly attitude drew Derry towards him. For Derry, Mr Lamb was his source of inspiration.
- Sol.8** When Derry informed his mother of Mr Lamb and that he wanted to sit with him, she did not like it. She thought that he was not a good man and she did not want her son to remain in touch with him for any purpose.
- Sol.9** Mr Lamb tries to remove the baseless fears of Derry by telling him that nothing in this world is so worthless that it deserves to be considered as trash. Even weeds have their own value. He advises Derry to ignore people's comments and think of beautiful objects. He tells him to hear only those things that are worth hearing. It is attitude that matters.