



## Lesson 6 -

## ON THE FACE OF IT

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**THEME:** This play highlights the discrimination faced by the people who suffer from some handicap.

**IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER :**

Mr Lamb	Derry(14 years)
Owens an apple orchard, garden	Secretly enters Lamb's garden-jumps over the wall
Keeps gate open for people to meet him	Introvert, fears people
Bomb blew up his leg-has tin leg	Face spoilt by acid ,pessimistic
Lonely yet optimistic	Pained by people's attitude &their pity
Keeps his spirit high	
His visitors temporary-never come back	
Lives in a house with open windows& no curtains	
Enjoys life& loves people	

**Lamb inspires Derry****Teaches him:**

\*watching, listening &thinking

\*shows him positive side of life.

\* life cannot be lived in fear-narrates the story of a man who feared death-but died when a painting fell off the wall in the house &killed him.

**Derry inspired:**

\*despite his mother's protests -returns to Lamb

\*Lamb has a fall-dies.

\*Derry is inspired to live life to the full.

**Q1 .Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:**

(i) How did Mr. Lamb get one of his legs blown off? What do children call him?

**Value points:** Mr. Lamb's leg was blown off by a bomb. The children call him "Lamey- Lamb."

(ii)Why does Derry say, "People are afraid of me"?

(iii)How does Mr. Lamb spend his time?

(iv)Why is Derry withdrawn and defiant?

(v)What changes comes in Derry at the end of the play?

**Q.2.Answer the following question in 120-150 words:**



- (i) Both Derry and Lamb are victims of physical impairment, but much more painful for them is the feeling of loneliness. Comment.(6M)

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EXPRESSION-Grammatical accuracy. Appropriate words & spelling (1 ½)

Coherence & relevance of ideas & style. (1 ½) 3marks

Value points

-Mr.Lamb &Derry- having different sorts of physical disabilities.

-Mr. Lamb had a tin leg

Derry-acid burnt face

-both suffered alienation from society.

-not accepted by society

-Loneliness caused constant pain for Derry but Mr. Lamb reconciled-both expected a kind & considerate behaviour from others

-do not want sympathy

-Derry dislikes being pointed at, nicknamed, mocked at or made fun of; Mr. Lamb reconciled.

-Derry sensitive about mother kissing only on other cheek.

(ii)How did Mr. Lamb's meeting with Derry become a turning point in Derry's life?

(iii)The play ends on a tragic note yet leaves the reader with a hope for Derry. Elaborate.

**VALUE BASED QUESTION:**

(I) Both the adolescent and the old man are victims of loneliness due to society's non-support and negligence in the lesson "On the Face of It". Draw the essence of their conversation in a paragraph..

(ii)The society's behaviour towards the physically impaired finds expression in the play "On the Face of it". Do you think the attitude of the people towards the physically challenged has undergone a change over the years? What can be done to bring them at par with the main stream people?