

Read the stories below then answer the questions that follow.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

No one in Gryffindor Tower slept that night. They knew that the castle was being searched again, and the whole House stayed awake in the common room, waiting to hear whether Black had been caught. Professor McGonagall came back at dawn, to tell them that he had again escaped.

Throughout the day, everywhere they went they saw signs of tighter security; Professor Flitwick could be seen teaching the front doors to recognize a large picture of Sirius Black; Filch was suddenly bustling up and down the corridors, boarding up everything from tiny cracks in the walls to mouse holes. Sir Cadogan had been fired. His portrait had been taken back to its lonely landing on the seventh floor, and the Fat Lady was back. She had been expertly restored, but was still extremely nervous, and had agreed to return to her job only on condition that she was given extra protection. A bunch of surly security trolls had been hired to guard her. They paced the corridor in a menacing group, talking in grunts and comparing the size of their clubs.

Harry couldn't help noticing that the statue of the one-eyed witch on the third floor remained unguarded and unblocked. It seemed that Fred and George had been right in thinking that they -- and now Harry, Ron, and Hermione -- were the only ones who knew about the hidden passageway within it.

"D'you reckon we should tell someone?" Harry asked Ron.

"We know he's not coming in through Honeyduke's," said Ron dismissively. "We'd've heard if the shop had been broken into."

Harry was glad Ron took this view. If the one-eyed witch was boarded up too, he would never be able to go into Hogsmeade again.

Ron had become an instant celebrity. For the first time in his life, people were paying more attention to him than to Harry, and it was clear that Ron was rather enjoying the experience. Though still severely shaken by the night's events, he was happy to tell anyone who asked what had happened, with a wealth of detail.

"... I was asleep, and I heard this ripping noise, and I thought it was in my dream, you know? But then there was this draft...I woke up and one side of the hangings on my bed had been pulled down...I rolled over...and I saw him standing over me...like a skeleton, with loads of filthy hair...holding this great long knife, must've been twelve inches...and he looked at me, and I looked at him, and then I yelled, and he scampered.

"Why, though?" Ron added to Harry as the group of second year girls who had been listening to his chilling tale departed. "Why did he run?"

Harry had been wondering the same thing. Why had Black, having got the wrong bed, not silenced Ron and proceeded to Harry? Black had proved twelve years ago that he didn't mind murdering innocent people, and this time he had been facing five unarmed boys, four of whom were asleep.

"He must've known he'd have a job getting back out of the castle once you'd yelled and woken people up," said Harry thoughtfully. "He'd've had to deal with the whole house to get back through the portrait hole...then he would've met the teachers..."

Answer the questions below by choosing the letter of the best answer.

1 Why is Professor McGonagall coming back to Gryffindor Tower at dawn?

- A) To announce that Sirius Black has been captured
- B) To announce that the castle's security has been tightened
- C) To announce that Sirius Black has escaped again
- D) To announce that the Fat Lady has returned

2 What can be inferred about Professor Flitwick's role in the tightened security measures?

- A) He is responsible for physical barriers
- B) He is responsible for magical protections
- C) He is overseeing the security trolls
- D) He is in charge of patrolling the castle

3 What does Ron's dismissive attitude towards the one-eyed witch passageway reveal?

- A) He does not care about the castle's security
- B) He believes the passageway is a hoax
- C) He thinks Sirius Black is not using that passageway
- D) He thinks the passageway should be publicly announced

4 How does the text suggest that Ron feels about his newfound attention?

- A) He is annoyed by it
- B) He finds it overwhelming
- C) He is relishing it
- D) He is indifferent to it

5 Why is Harry glad that Ron does not want the one-eyed witch passage to be closed off?

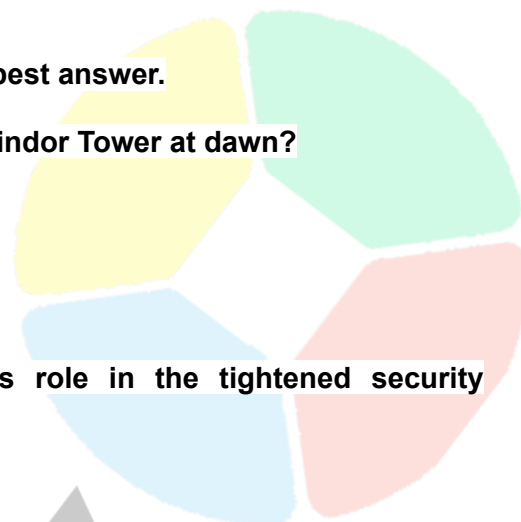
- A) He wants to keep Ron's newfound fame going
- B) He is worried about Sirius Black using the passage
- C) He wants to keep his route to Hogsmeade open
- D) He thinks the passage is important for castle security

6 What is implied about Sirius Black's decision to run instead of attacking Ron?

- A) He got scared
- B) He realised Ron was not his target
- C) He thought attacking Ron would bring too much attention
- D) He changed his mind about his plan

7 What does Ron's detailed recounting of the night's events imply?

- A) He enjoys the attention and is not overly traumatised
- B) He is trying to remember more details
- C) He is lying about what happened
- D) He wants to make Sirius Black sound more menacing



8 Why was the Fat Lady's return conditional on receiving "extra protection"?

- A) She was valuable and rare
- B) She was nervous and traumatised
- C) She was part of the castle's history
- D) She wanted to be treated like royalty

The Final Diagnosis

In O'Donnell's three and a half years administration methods had been changed as well. A few months after his own arrival O'Donnell had told Orden Brown about a young assistant administrator, one of the best he had known in his hospital experience. The chairman had flown off and, two days later, come back with a signed contract. A month after that the old administrator, relieved to get out from under a job which had grown beyond him, had been honourably pensioned and Harry Tomaselli installed in his place. Now the whole administrative side of the hospital reflected Tomaselli's brisk but smooth efficiency.

A year ago O'Donnell had been elected president of the hospital's medical board, which made him the senior practitioner at Three Counties. Since then he, Tomaselli, and Dr. Chandler had successfully broadened the hospital's intern and resident training program, and already applications for enrollment were growing in number.

There was still a long way to go. O'Donnell knew that in some ways they were only at the beginning of a long program which would embrace the three basic tenets of medicine: service, training, research. He himself was forty-two now, would be forty-three in a few months. He doubted if, in the active years remaining to him, he would complete in full what he had set out to do. But the start was good; that much was reassuring, and he knew that his decision on the aeroplane three and a half years earlier had been right.

There were soft spots, of course, in the present setup. There had to be. Nothing this big was achieved easily or quickly. Some of the seniors on medical staff still fought off changes, and their influence was strong among the older members of the board, some of whom still remained - Eustace Swayne, as obstinate as ever, at their head. Perhaps this was a good thing, O'Donnell reflected, and perhaps there was justice sometimes in the assertion that "young men make too many changes too quickly." But because of this group and its influence there were occasions when planning had to be tempered with prudence. O'Donnell accepted this fact himself but sometimes had difficulty in getting it across to the newer staff members.

It was just this situation which had made him thoughtful after talking with Bill Rufus. The pathology department at Three Counties was still a stronghold of the old regime. Dr. Joseph Pearson, who ran it like a personal possession, had been thirty-two years at the hospital. He knew most of the old board members intimately and was a frequent chess companion of Eustace Swayne. More to the point, Joe Pearson was no incompetent; his record was good. In his earlier days he had been recognized as an active researcher, and he was a past president of the State Pathology Association. The real problem was that the work in Pathology had become too much for one man to keep the reins in his own hands. O'Donnell suspected, too, that some of the pathology department's lab procedures were in need of overhauling. But desirable as changes might be, this one was going to be tough.

Answer the questions below by choosing the letter of the best answer.

9 What is the main reason for the administrative changes at Three Counties Hospital mentioned in the passage?

- A) O'Donnell's desire for more power
- B) The retirement of the old administrator
- C) The need for improved efficiency
- D) A disagreement with Chairman Orden Brown

10 Why did O'Donnell feel reassured about the start of his new role at the hospital?

- A) He received a significant pay raise.
- B) He successfully ousted the old board members.
- C) He believed his decision to take the role was right.
- D) He had complete control over the hospital's operations.

11 What are the three basic tenets of medicine mentioned in the passage?

- A) Efficiency, teamwork, and leadership
- B) Service, training, and research
- C) Diagnosis, treatment, and prevention
- D) Administration, communication, and innovation

12 Why did some members of the medical staff resist changes at the hospital?

- A) They were too young to understand the importance of change.
- B) They were influenced by the older board members.
- C) They were afraid of losing their jobs.
- D) They believed O'Donnell was too inexperienced.

13 What challenges does O'Donnell face regarding the pathology department at Three Counties Hospital?

- A) Dr. Pearson's incompetence
- B) Resistance from the younger staff members
- C) The need for procedural changes
- D) Lack of funding for the department

14 Why is Dr. Joseph Pearson mentioned in the passage?

- A) To highlight his incompetence as a pathologist
- B) To demonstrate his close ties with Eustace Swayne
- C) To show his successful research career
- D) To emphasise his insignificant role in the hospital's changes

15 What does the passage suggest about Dr. Pearson's influence within the hospital?

- A) He is a respected and influential figure.
- B) He has been criticised for his incompetence.
- C) He has recently retired from his position.
- D) He opposes any changes in the hospital.

16 What is the primary challenge in the pathology department that O'Donnell wants to address?

- A) Dr. Pearson's lack of experience
- B) Overhauling outdated lab procedures
- C) Decreasing the department's budget
- D) Expanding the research opportunities

The Dragon in the Sea

Automatics took care of most of the deflections, but many were sufficient to cause wide course error. Because of this, a portable gyro repeater always accompanied the man on duty.

Bonnett carried such a repeater on his remote-control panel as he prowled the engine room during his watch. The little timelog repeater beside the gyro dial showed seven days, eight hours, and

eighteen minutes from departure. The Ram had moved forward deep into the ocean no man's land south of Iceland.

Maybe it'll be a milk run, he thought. For all our detectors have shown, we could be alone in the whole ocean. He fell to remembering the night before departure, wondered if Helene was really faithful to him. So many Navy wives . . .

An amber light glowed at the upper corner of his board, the signal that someone had entered the control room. He spoke into his chest mike: "I'm on the second-level catwalk in the engine room."

Sparrow's voice came out of the board speaker: "Continue as you are. I'm just restless. Thought I'd look around."

"Right, Skipper." Bonnett turned to examine the master control gauges on the reactor bulkhead. Ever since they'd found the dead Security officer, Bonnett had been nursing an uneasy feeling about the room in the sub's nose.

A sudden needle deflection on his control board caught his attention. The outside water temperature had dropped ten degrees: a cold current.

Ramsey's voice came over the intercom: "This is Ramsey in the shack. My instruments show a sharp ten-degree temperature drop outside."

Bonnett thumbed his mike switch: "What're you doing up and about, Junior?"

"I'm always nervous when it's your duty," said Ramsey. "I couldn't sleep, so I came in here to run an instrument check."

"Wise guy," said Bonnett.

Sparrow's voice joined them: "Find out how deep it is, Ramsey. If it doesn't extend below our limit, we can hide under it and pick up speed. Ten degrees will cloud a lot of noise."

"Right, Skipper." Pause. "Sixty-eight hundred feet, give or take a few."

"Les, take her down," said Sparrow.

Bonnett racked his control console onto the catwalk railing, took electronic hold of the diving planes. Abruptly, his static pressure-gauge repeater showed what his sense of balance already had told him: they were going down too fast; an upcurrent was following them, lifting the tow. Bonnett fought it until they were inclined at a safe three degrees.

The Ram levelled at 6780 feet.

In the shack, Ramsey looked at his own repeater for the master pressure gauge: 2922 pounds to the square inch. Instinctively, his gaze went to the pressure hull beside him -- a small length of it seen through a maze of pipes and conduits. He tried to fight away from the thought of what would happen if the hull should implode: bits of protein pulp floating amidst shattered machinery.

Answer the questions below by choosing the letter of the best answer.

17 Why does Bonnett carry a portable gyro repeater, and how does it aid him in the engine room?

- A) To monitor changes in ocean currents; it helps him predict weather patterns.
- B) To maintain precise navigation; it assists in correcting course deviations.
- C) To communicate with submarines nearby; it ensures secure transmissions.
- D) To measure engine performance; it provides real-time data on power usage.

18 What does the "timelog repeater" beside the gyro dial display, and why is this information significant?

- A) The ship's position in latitude and longitude; it helps in avoiding collisions.
- B) The time elapsed since departure; it's crucial for calculating fuel consumption.
- C) The outside water temperature; it assists in predicting marine life activity.
- D) The current speed of the ship; it affects the ship's stability during manoeuvres.

19 What does Bonnett's contemplation of Helene's fidelity reveal about his character and state of mind?

- A) He is concerned about her safety during his mission.
- B) He harbours doubts about her loyalty and fidelity.
- C) He is deeply in love and misses her company.
- D) He is excited to return home and surprise her.

20 Why does Bonnett feel uneasy about the room in the sublug's nose where they found the dead Security officer?

- A) He suspects foul play and a potential threat to the crew.
- B) He believes the room may contain valuable equipment.
- C) He is worried about the room flooding during the mission.
- D) He thinks it might be haunted based on superstitions.

21 What specific information does the "needle deflection" on Bonnett's control board convey, and how does it impact the ship's operations?

- A) A drop in outside water temperature; it affects the ship's buoyancy.
- B) A sudden increase in engine power; it leads to a rapid ascent.
- C) An incoming message from the captain; it requires immediate action.
- D) A malfunction in the control board; it prompts a manual system check.

22 What strategic advantage does Captain Sparrow hope to gain by descending to a depth of 6780 feet?

- A) He aims to hide from enemy submarines.
- B) He intends to explore a unique underwater ecosystem.
- C) He expects to find valuable minerals at that depth.
- D) He plans to evade a potential underwater storm.

23 Why is Ramsey concerned about the ship's depth and the pressure gauge reading?

- A) He worries about potential damage to the ship's hull.
- B) He believes they may have exceeded the safe depth limit.
- C) He is concerned about fuel efficiency at greater depths.
- D) He anticipates encountering strong underwater currents.

24 How does the crew's response to the changing conditions demonstrate their competence and adaptability in handling challenging situations?

- A) They panic and request immediate surface access.
- B) They employ their expertise to maintain control and safety.
- C) They initiate an emergency evacuation procedure.
- D) They request assistance from other nearby submarines.

Eye of the Needle

Bloggs was late home. He had been going over some new material with Godliman. Now he was hurrying, so that he would have half an hour with Christine before she went out to drive her ambulance. It was dark, and the raid had already started. The things Christine saw at night were so awful she had stopped talking about them.

Bloggs was proud of her, proud. The people she worked with said she was better than two men. She hurtled through blacked-out London, driving like a veteran, taking corners on two wheels, whistling and cracking jokes as the city turned to flame around her. Fearless, they called her. Bloggs knew better; she was terrified, but she would not let it show. He knew because he saw her eyes in the morning when he got up and she went to bed; when her guard was down and it was over for a few hours; he knew it was not fearlessness but courage, and he was proud.

It was raining harder when he got off the bus. He pulled down his hat and put up his collar. In a tobacconist's he bought cigarettes for Christine. She had started smoking recently, like a lot of women. The shopkeeper would let him have only five, because of the shortage. He put them in a Woolworth's bakelite cigarette case.

A policeman stopped him and asked for his identity card; another two minutes wasted. An ambulance passed him, similar to the one Christine drove; a requisitioned fruit truck, painted grey.

He began to get nervous as he approached home. The explosions were sounding closer, and he could hear the aircraft clearly. The East End was in for another bruising tonight; he would sleep in the Morrison shelter. There was a big one, terribly close, and he quickened his step. He would eat his supper in the shelter, too.

He turned into his own street, saw the ambulances and the fire engines, and broke into a run.

The bomb had landed on his side of the street, around the middle. It must be close to his own home. Jesus in heaven, not us, no! There had been a direct hit on the roof, and the house was literally flattened. He raced up to the crowd of people: neighbours and firemen and volunteers. "Is my wife all right? Is she out? Is she in there?"

A fireman looked at him. "Nobody's come out of there, mate."

Rescuers were picking over the rubble. Suddenly one of them shouted, "Over here!" Then he said, "Jesus, it's Fearless Bloggs!"

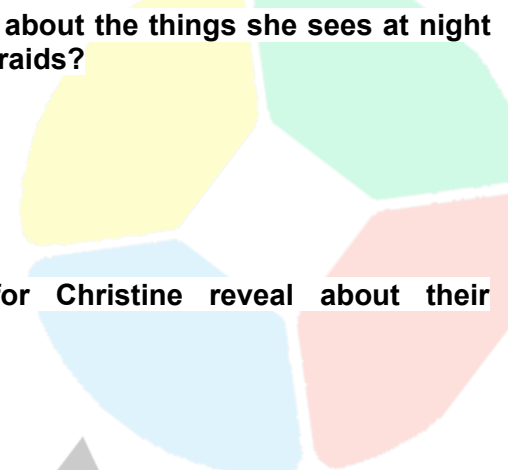
Frederick dashed to where the man stood. Christine was underneath a huge chunk of brickwork. Her face was visible; the eyes were closed. The rescuer called, "Lifting gear, boys, sharp's the word." Christine moaned and stirred.

"She's alive!" Bloggs said. He knelt down beside her and got his hand under the edge of the lump of rubble. The rescuer said, "You won't shift that, son."

Answer the questions below by choosing the letter of the best answer.

25 Why is Bloggs particularly proud of Christine's abilities as an ambulance driver during the wartime raids?

- A) She excels in first aid procedures.
- B) She remains calm under pressure.
- C) She is highly skilled in navigation.
- D) She has received awards for her bravery.

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- 26 What does the mention of Christine "not talking" about the things she sees at night suggest about her experiences during the wartime raids?**
- A) She enjoys recounting her adventures.
 - B) She wants to protect her husband from worry.
 - C) She has become emotionally detached from her job.
 - D) She has a tendency to exaggerate her stories.
- 27 What does Bloggs' purchase of cigarettes for Christine reveal about their relationship?**
- A) He disapproves of her smoking habit.
 - B) He is considerate of her preferences.
 - C) He is trying to control her behaviour.
 - D) He is concerned about the cigarette shortage.
- 28 Why does the policeman ask Bloggs for his identity card, and how does this reflect the wartime context?**
- A) The policeman is suspicious of Bloggs.
 - B) Identity checks are routine during wartime.
 - C) Bloggs is acting suspiciously in the dark.
 - D) The policeman is trying to delay Bloggs.
- 29 What is the purpose of the Morrison shelter, and why does Bloggs plan to use it?**
- A) It's a bomb shelter; he wants to ensure his safety during the raid.
 - B) It's a dining area; he prefers eating there to avoid crowds.
 - C) It's a storage room; he needs to secure his belongings.
 - D) It's a communication centre; he wants to stay informed.
- 30 How does Bloggs react when he sees his home destroyed by a bomb, and what emotions does this reveal?**
- A) He remains composed and begins searching for his wife.
 - B) He panics and runs towards the crowd in despair.
 - C) He shows indifference and resigns himself to the loss.
 - D) He becomes angry and blames others for the damage.
- 31 What qualities in Bloggs' character are highlighted when he rushes to Christine's side after the bomb explosion?**
- A) His resilience and determination
 - B) His impulsive nature and recklessness
 - C) His fear and anxiety about Christine's safety
 - D) His sense of duty and concern for his neighbours
- 32 What might be the significance of the term "Fearless Bloggs" in the context of the story, and how does this relate to his character?**
- A) Bloggs is known for his recklessness in the face of danger.
 - B) Bloggs has a reputation for being impulsive.
 - C) Bloggs has a fearless demeanour, but he is actually quite cautious.
 - D) Bloggs is named "Fearless" ironically due to his cowardice.

The Terminal

They came down to the emergency ward at noon and sat on the bench just behind the swinging doors that led in from the ambulance parking slot. Ellis was nervous, preoccupied, distant. Morris was relaxed, eating a candy bar and crumpling the wrapper into the pocket of his white jacket.

From where they sat, they could look at the sunlight outside, falling across the big sign that said EMERGENCY WARD and the smaller sign that said NO PARKING AMBULANCES ONLY. In the distance they heard sirens.

"Is that him?" Morris asked.

Ellis checked his watch. "I doubt it. It's too early." They sat on the bench and listened to the sirens come closer. Ellis removed his glasses and wiped them with his tie. One of the emergency ward nurses, a girl Morris did not know by name, came over and said brightly, "Is this the welcoming committee?"

Ellis squinted at her. Morris said, "We'll be taking him straight through. Do you have his chart down here?"

The nurse said, "Yes, I think so, Doctor," and walked off looking irritated.

Ellis sighed. He replaced his glasses and frowned at the nurse.

Morris said, "She didn't mean anything."

"I suppose the whole hospital knows," Ellis said.

"It's a pretty big secret to keep."

The sirens were very close now; through the windows they saw an ambulance back into the slot. Two orderlies opened the door and pulled out the stretcher. A frail elderly woman lay on the stretcher, gasping for breath, making wet gurgling sounds.

Severe pulmonary edema, Morris thought as he watched her taken into one of the treatment rooms.

"I hope he's in good shape," Ellis said.

"Who?"

"Benson."

"Why shouldn't he be?"

"They might have roughed him up." Ellis stared morosely out the windows. He really is in a bad mood; Morris thought. He knew that meant Ellis was excited; he had scrubbed in on enough cases with Ellis to recognize the pattern.

Irascibility under pressure while he waited - and then total, almost lazy calm when the operation began. "Where is he?" Ellis said, looking at his watch again.

To change the subject, Morris said, "Are we all set for three-thirty?" At 3:30 that afternoon, Benson would be presented to the hospital staff at a special Neurosurgical Rounds.

"As far as I know," Ellis said. "Ross is making the presentation. I just hope Benson's in good shape."

Over the loudspeaker, a soft voice said, "Dr. Ellis, Dr. John Ellis, two-two-three-four. Dr. Ellis, two-two-three-four."

Answer the questions below by choosing the letter of the best answer.

33 What does the mention of Ellis being "nervous, preoccupied, distant" suggest about his state of mind in the emergency ward?

- A) He is excited about an upcoming surgery.
- B) He is anxious and not fully present.
- C) He is relaxed and confident.
- D) He is busy attending to administrative tasks.

34 Why does Ellis believe it's too early for the sirens they hear to be associated with the person they are waiting for?

- A) The person is known to arrive later in the day.
- B) The sirens are typically heard in the evening.
- C) The ambulance's route is different today.
- D) The sirens are from a different source.

35 What is the significance of the smaller sign that says "NO PARKING AMBULANCES ONLY" outside the emergency ward?

- A) It indicates lax parking regulations.
- B) It suggests limited parking space for ambulances.
- C) It serves as a warning for other vehicles the space is strictly for ambulances only.
- D) It highlights the hospital's commitment to ambulance services.

36 Why does Ellis wipe his glasses with his tie, and what does this action reveal about his character?

- A) He is trying to impress the nurse with his appearance.
- B) He is frustrated with the nurse's comment.
- C) He values cleanliness and precision in his work.
- D) He is trying to hide his true emotions.

37 What does Morris mean when he thinks, "He knew that meant Ellis was excited; he had scrubbed in on enough cases with Ellis to recognize the pattern"?

- A) Ellis gets anxious before surgeries.
- B) Ellis is often irritable before an operation.
- C) Ellis becomes calm under pressure.
- D) Ellis has a distinct behaviour pattern during surgery.

38 What is the significance of the phrase "total, almost lazy calm" when describing Ellis's behaviour during surgery?

- A) Ellis is too relaxed and indifferent during surgery.
- B) Ellis is highly focused and skilled during surgery.
- C) Ellis is unconcerned about the patient's well-being.
- D) Ellis is careless and slow in his surgical procedures.

39 What is the primary purpose of the "special Neurosurgical Rounds" scheduled for 3:30 in the afternoon?

- A) To celebrate a recent medical breakthrough
- B) To discuss upcoming surgeries with the staff

- C) To present a challenging case to the hospital staff
- D) To conduct a routine checkup of the patients

40 What does Ellis's reaction to the loudspeaker announcement reveal about his priorities at that moment?

- A) He is eager to attend to an urgent matter.
- B) He is frustrated with the interruptions.
- C) He is indifferent to the hospital's needs.
- D) He is more concerned about the patient they are waiting for.



Scholarly