1. What is the purpose of this article?

2. Identify and summarize:
   a) The centrality of this article
   b) The author’s warning concerning such centrality

3. Explain the dynamics underlying the child, the observing object and the object of desire in Britton’s formulation of the Oedipal situation. How does this relate to shame and fear?

4. What happens to a patient as a result of “seeing” and emerging from his “psychic retreat”?

5. Explain the role played by narcissism in the process of separation-individuation and how this applies to a patient experiencing shame and humiliation in an analytic setting.

6. What is the author going to explore through the clinical sessions carried out with Mr. A?

7. What do the clinical sessions reveal about the patient’s family background and history?

8. How can the role of vision help a patient to overcome the feeling of humiliation and separateness?

9. How did Mr. A manage to reverse humiliation in his sessions?

10. What aspect of his therapy shows an improvement on his ability to tolerate separateness and difference?