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| I | **MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS** |
| 1 | *I tried to sound severe: “Now I really mean this. If you don’t cut his food right down and give him more exercise, he is going to be really ill. You must harden your heart and keep him on a very strict diet.”*(i) Who is the speaker in the extract given above?(a) **Herriot**(b) Chauffeur(c) Mrs. Pumphrey(d) Hodgkin(ii) Why did the speaker try to sound severe?(a) **To make Mrs. Pumphrey take his advice seriously and act on it.**(b) To upset Mrs. Pumphrey(c) To impression Mrs. Pumphrey(d) To prove his authority(iii) The advice was given for :(a) Mrs. Pumphrey(b) **Tricki**(c) Everybody in Mrs. Pumphrey’s house(d) Mrs. Pumphrey’s driver(iv) Which word in the extract means ‘serious’?(a) Harden(b) Mean(c) **Severe**(d) Down(v) Select the antonym of ‘hardened’.(a) **Chiselled**(b) Darkened(c) Mellowed(d) Softened |
| 2 | The entire staff was roused and maids rushed in and out bringing his day bed, his night bed, favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, and supper bowl. Realising that my car would never hold all the stuff, I started to drive away. As I moved off, Mrs Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears. Out on the road, I glanced down at the pathetic little animal gasping on the seat by my side. I patted the head and Tricki made a brave effort to wag his tail. ‘Poor old lad’, I said. “You haven’t a kick in you but I think I know a cure for you.”(i) What might the atmosphere of the household in the above extract signify?(a) Mrs Pumphrey’s status in society is reflected in Tricki’s lifestyle.(b) The staff’s love for Tricki, which matched that of Mrs. Pumphrey(c) The grand life of comforts and luxuries that Tricki enjoyed.(d) **Mrs. Pumphrey’s indulgence and anxiety are acted upon by the staff.**(ii) As the extract indicates, Mrs. Pumphrey indulged Tricki and bought him many things.Choose the option that best describes the kinds of advertisement/s that seem likely to persuade Mrs. Pumphrey to buy something for Tricki.(i) Statistics Appeal – Such advertisements use facts and data to convince consumers to buy products.(ii) Scarcity Appeal – Such advertisements create a feeling of exclusivity and are often used to convince people to take advantage of a sale or limited period offer.(iii) Personal Appeal – Such advertisements focus on evoking emotions to convince consumers and often relate to family or other interpersonal interactions.(iv) Fear Appeal – Such advertisements focus on inspiring some kind of fear to convince consumers to take action to avoid certain negative or undesirable consequences.(a) Options (i), (ii) and (iv)(b) **Options (iii) and (iv)**(c) Options (i), (iii) and (iv)(d) Option (ii) only(iii) The narrator describes Tricki as a ‘pathetic little animal’. The use of the word ‘pathetic’ indicates the narrator.(a) was very fond of Tricki.(b) thought Tricki was contemptible.(c) **pitied Tricki’s condition.**(d) believed Tricki’s health was deteriorating. |
| 3 | *He discovered the joys of being bowled over, tramped on and squashed every few minutes. He became an accepted member of the gang, an unlikely, silky little object among the shaggy crew, fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunting rats in the old henhouse at night. He had never had such a time in his life. All the while, Mrs Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background, ringing a dozen times a day for the latest bulletins.*(i) Read the following statements, each of which describes the gist of the given extract.Select the option that captures the essence of the extract correctly.**Statement I** – It highlights the kind of comforts and luxuries that Tricki was used to at home.**Statement II** – It brings out a contrast between Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey’s state of being.**Statement III** – It reflects that Tricki was happier at the surgery, and loved being with other dogs.**Statement IV** – It shows Tricki’s journey with his peers at the surgery, and documents his recovery.(a) Statements I and II(b) Statements III and IV(c) Statements I and III(d) **Statements II and IV**(ii) **What does the reference to Tricki as a ‘silky little object’ signify?**(a) Tricki was a very small and rather pampered dog.(b) Tricki was comfortably attired in fine silk and warm coats.(c) **Unlike the other dogs, Tricki had lived in the lap of luxury with care and grooming.**(d) The narrator’s mockery of Tricki’s life and treatment of Mrs. Pumphrey.(iii) **Why does the narrator describe being ‘tramped on and squashed’ as joys?**(a) To suggest the irony about the strange ways of dogs.(b) **To mention the simple pleasures of canine life.**(c) To compare it to Tricki’s earlier play-time at the house.(d) To direct attention towards Tricki’s successful recovery.(iv) **“All the while, Mrs Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background.” Given below are different types of pet parenting styles described in Country Living, an e-magazine.**Choose the option that best reflects the kind of pet owner Mrs. Pumphrey was.(i) Traffic Light pet owners have a healthy balance of rules and freedom and give clear and consistent signals for ‘yes’ and ‘no’.(ii) Entranced pet owners have the best intentions, but as soon as their pet locks eyes with them and gives their command, they are at their pet’s beck and call.(iii) The Goose pet owners go all-out in protecting their pet. They often limit their time away from their pet, especially puppies.(iv) The Baggage Handler pet owners love being close to their pets and going on adventures together. They are always mindful of the pet’s comfort and security.(a) Option (i)(b) **Option (ii)**(c) Option (iii)(d) Option (iv)(v) **Pick the option that reveals Tricki’s characteristics in the context of ‘fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunting rats in the old hen-house at night.’**(1) selfish (2) Happy(3) greedy (4) confident(5) sturdy (6) cruel(a) **2, 4 and 5**(b) Only 2(c) 1 and 5(d) 3, 4 and 6 |
| 4 | *It was a temptation to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest, but I knew Mrs. Pumphrey was suffering and after a fortnight, felt compelled to phone and tell**her that the little dog had recovered and was awaiting collection.*(i) The above lines were spoken by:(a) Mrs. Pumphrey(b) **Mr. Herriot**(c) Chauffeur(d) Tricki(ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.1. Tricki was an active dog.2. The vet knew how to heal Tricki.3. The vet enjoyed the treats sent for Tricki.4. Tricki now needed the treats.5. Tricki enjoy her stay at the vet for the ‘surgery’.6. The vet felt guilty about enjoying the food.7. The vet did the right thing.(a) 1, 2, 4(b) 1, 2, 3**(c) 1, 4, 6**(d) 3, 5, 7(iii) Who was informed that the dog was all right now?(a) the doctor(b) the nurse(c) **Mrs. Pumphrey**(d) the attendant(iv) Who cured Tricki without any medication?(a) **The narrator**(b) Mrs. Pumphrey(c) The nurse(d) The junior doctor |
| 5 | *During the excitement, I helped the chauffeur to bring out the beds, toys, cushions, coats and bowls, none of which had been used. As the car moved away, Mrs Pumphrey leaned out of the window. Tears shone in her eyes. Her lips trembled. “Oh, Mr Herriot”, she cried, “how can I ever thank you? This is a triumph of surgery!”*(i) What is Mr. Herriot’s profession?(a) Retired veteran(b) College professor(c) **Veterinary surgeon**(d) None of the above(ii) How did Mrs Pumphrey call out Tricki’s unbelievable transformation?(a) **as a triumph of surgery**(b) as a shock, she could not get over(c) as a completely predictable outcome(d) as a successful therapy(iii) “None of which had been used.” Why had they not been used by Tricki?(a) because they were not fancy enough for him(b) **because he didn’t actually need expensive objects or clothes**(c) because they were used by other dogs(d) because he didn’t like the toys, cushions or bowls(iv) Why did the narrator want to have Tricki as a permanent guest?(a) because he was worried that Tricki will get sick again(b) because Mrs Pumphrey did not want Tricki anymore(c) because he and his staff wanted him to become extremely fit(d) **because they wanted to enjoy the extravagant delicacies sent by Mrs Pumphrey**(v) Was Tricki happy on seeing Mrs. Pumphrey ?(a) **Yes**(b) No(c) Maybe(d) She showed no emotion |
|  II | **SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS**  |
| 1 | “It was a temptation to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest.” Why was it so?Ans: It was definitely a temptation to keep Tricki as a permanent guest because Tricki's owner, Mrs. Pumphrey, would send loads of delicious food and drinks for Tricki which the doctor would fall have himself as it wasn't suitable for Tricki to have them. |
| 2 | What was the major flaw in Tricki?Ans. According to Dr. Herriot, the major flaw in Tricki was his greed for food. However, the over-indulgence and over-pampering of Mrs. Pumphrey led to the damaged health of the dog. |
| 3 | What do you think would happen to Tricki after he went back to Mrs. Pumphrey?Ans. I think that after Tricki went back to Mrs. Pumphrey, he would have been transformed back to his obese and listless body as Mrs. Appen Pumphrey was an over-indulgent pet owner. Pre She would never have been able to control brood herself from spoiling Tricki by overfeeding him. |
| 4 | "I was really worried about Tricki this time." To Comment on the writer's choice of beginning newer the story in this manner. What purpose does it serve? Ans. The writer chose to begin the story in this manner to show that it wasn't the first time he had met Tricki. He was a vet who would have met Tricki earlier in a little bit better condition. But this time, the writer was worried as Tricki had gained more fat than ever.  |
| 5 | Was it actually a triumph of surgery in reference to Tricki? Why/ why not?Ans. No, it wasn't actually a 'triumph of a surgery' as no surgery was ever done on Tricki by the doctor. The doctor recovered Tricki's health by giving him a correct diet and making him do a lot of exercises. |
| 6 | "Tricki's only fault was greed", says the narrator. What might be Mrs. Pumphrey's "only fault"?Ans. Mrs. Pumphrey's "only fault" was her overindulgence. She overfed Tricki due to her extreme pampering and concern for him. |
| 7 | What made James Herriot expect a call from Mrs. Pumphrey? Ans. When Dr. James Herriot saw an extremely fat Tricki with Mrs. Pumphrey, he was sure that Tricki's over-diet and no physical exercise are would lead to his bad health. Hence he expected a call from Mrs. Pumphrey. |
| 8 | Do you think the narrator's decision not to reveal the actual treatment to Mrs. Pumphrey was unprofessional? Justify your stance. Ans. No, I do not think that the narrator's decision not to reveal the actual treatment to Mrs. Pumphrey was unprofessional because he had done that to save Tricki's life. He knew that Mrs. Pumphrey would never be able to cut Tricki's diet and make him struggle with lots of physical activities. |
| 9 | According to a popular quote - Where there is no struggle, there is no strength. In what way is this quote relevant to the events of the story?Ans. This quote means that to be strong and active, hard work and effort are necessary. Nobody can achieve any goal if they do not work hard for it. In the story, Tricki was a lazy fat dog who had no physical activity and was very greedy. However, after Dr. Herriot made him exercise a lot and restricted his diet, Tricki became a hard-muscled animal.  |
| 10 | Imagine Mrs. Pumphrey came to know how Tricki was actually treated. Write a brief note to the narrator on her behalf.You may begin this way:Dear Mr. HerriotI recently met Mrs. Mallard when she brought her Pixie to visit dear Tricki. I spoke to her about the great triumph of surgery that had brought him back to me. Imagine Di my surprise when she told me how mistaken I was! I am writing to you to share.....................Ans. Dear Mr. HerriotI recently met Mrs. Mallard when she brought her Pixie to visit dear Tricki. I spoke to her about the great triumph of surgery that had brought him back to me. Imagine my surprise when she told me how mistaken I was! I am writing to you to share my utter displeasure at the wrong information given by you regarding Tricki's treatment. I got so worried about my pet when you told me that he would have to undergo surgery. I had spent sleepless nights. I wonder why you lied to me. I trusted you a lot. But you broke it. Although I am still grateful to you for curing Tricki, I am upset at the fact that being the owner of the pet, I was not given the correct information about his treatment. |
| 11 | Was Tricki suffering from any ailment in reality? If not, then what made him inactive and lethargic? Ans. No, Tricki wasn't suffering from any ailment in reality. His greed for food and his owner's over-indulgence made him fat and lazy. Mrs. Pumphrey overfed him and spoilt his health to an extent that he had to undergo treatment at Dr. Herriot's hospital. |
| 12 | Mrs. Pumphrey thinks the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery." Justify.Ans. Mrs. Pumphrey believes that the doctor has cured her pet dog of his malaise by performing books a major surgery. She believes that Tricki's recovery is all due to the surgery. This is why she calls it "a triumph of surgery".  |
| 13 | Why was Dr Herriot worried about Tricki?Ans. Dr Herriot was worried about Tricki's health. When he saw the dog with his mistress, Mrs Pumphrey, he was shocked at his appearance. The dog had become hugely fat. His eyes were red and his tongue was hanging out. Such a miserable condition of the dog really worried the surgeon. |
| 14 | What 'extra' did Mrs Pumphrey start to give Tricki and why?Ans. Mrs Pumphrey thought that Tricki was suffering from malnutrition, as he was weak and dull. So, she started to give him extra food like cod-liver oil and malt between the main meals and Horlicks after dinner to make him sleep. She also gave him cream cakes and chocolates. |
| 15 | You must harden your heart and help him with a strict diet." Why does Mr Herriot suggest this to Mrs Pumphrey?Ans. Mr. Herriot suggested Mrs Pumphrey be strict with Tricki because he knew about Mrs Pumphrey's love for her pet. The surgeon is aware that even though she tries to follow the diet prescribed for Tricki, she would be unable to refuse anything. Her love and care had harmed her dog and thus Dr Herriot suggests Mrs Pumphrey to reduce his diet. |
| 16 | How did Mrs Pumphrey and her servants behave when Tricki was being taken away to the surgery?Ans. Mrs Pumphrey started crying upon realising that Tricki was being taken away to the surgery. All the servants were woken up. They rushed in and out carrying all the things that Tricki would need after hospitalisation. These things included beds, cushions, toys, bowls, coats etc. |
| 17 | How can you say that it was hard for Mrs Pumphrey to part with her doting pet?Ans. It was hard for Mrs Pumphrey to part with her doting pet because Tricki was like her child. She loved him very much and would do everything to please her dog. So, when the surgeon suggested its hospitalisation, it was a terrible and tearful moment for her, however, she agreed for the betterment of her pet. |
| 18 | The household dogs at the surgery rejected Tricki as an 'uninteresting object'. Why?Ans. When Tricki arrived at the surgery, he was rejected by the household dogs as an 'uninteresting object' because of his laziness. As he entered the surgery, the other dogs surrounded Tricki and sniffed him, but Tricki did not give any response. Thus, they found him dull and uninterested. |
| 19 | Do you think Tricki was enjoying his stay at the hospital? Ans. Yes, Tricki was definitely enjoying his stay at the hospital. He had befriended the gang of hairy household dogs. He had found a new joy in being bowled over (pushed), trampled on and squashed. He had also become very energetic. He used to play and run all day long with the dogs. He was having a great time. |
| 20 | How did lunch become a 'ceremonial occasion' for Mr Herriot and his partners'? Ans. The time of Tricki's stay at the hospital was a period of content for Herriot. He used to enjoy the treat that arrived in the name of Tricki, as he could not afford all this for himself. Herriot used to relish the fresh eggs in breakfast, wine before and during lunch and brandy at night. |
| 21 | Why is Mrs Pumphrey responsible for Tricki's condition? Ans. Mrs Pumphrey was responsible for Tricki's condition because of her overindulgent behaviour. She did not cut down on Tricki's food and did not provide him with proper exercise, even after Tricki's doctor's advice. Instead, she used to feed him extra food as she felt that Tricki was suffering from malnutrition. As a result, Tricki's condition deteriorated. |
| III | **LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (5 MARKS)** |
| 1 | Read the following quote by Mahatma Gandhi. "It is health that is real wealth not pieces of gold and silver."Justify the quote given above in light of Tricki's sickness and his recovery to be fit. Ans. Mahatma Gandhi aptly said that the real ed wealth of a person lies in his health. Money can buy things of comfort and luxury but not health. A person may have a lot of money but still can't enjoy a single penny due to his ill health. In the story 'Triumph of a Surgery', Tricki was the pet dog of an extremely rich lady named Mrs. Pumphrey. She provided Tricki with so much comfort and pleasure that she made Tricki unhealthy by feeding him rich food that wasn't meant for the dog. However, Tricki had every facility as a Se pampered baby but he was unable to enjoy a dog's life. He couldn't run or jump like a normal Bodog because of his weight and ill health. His happy life was ruined by extreme pampering band over-feeding by his owner, Mrs. Pumphrey.  |
| 2 | Imagine that one of Mr. Herriot's partners can understand the language of dogs and listens to Tricki on his last night with them. (A) What might Tricki share about his experience? (B) How would he evaluate it in comparison to his home experience? Ans. (A) Tricki might share that it was a great experience for him at the hospital. He would be glad to share a roof with other dogs as he had never been able to play with any other dog. Also, Tricki would share that he felt extremely energetic and playful as he had lost a lot of weight and carried out a lot of physical exercises which a canine love. He had the most wonderful time of his life at the hospital. (B) He would have compared his health at the hospital with that at home. As he had excessive weight and was a lazy dog, he did not enjoy his life as a canine and used to feel quite heavy. However, the level of comfort at his home was much better than at the hospital. He had his own beds, toys, etc.  |
| 3 | Mrs. Pumphrey and Dr. Herriot have been invited to speak at a community pet adoption drive.There were some differences in Mrs. Pumphrey and Dr. Herriot's notions of responsibility and experiences of keeping a pet. As a reporter for the local pet magazine, write an article recording and comparing their perspectives. Don't forget to give it an interesting title.Ans. The Guide to Keep a PetKeeping a pet is a wonderful experience. Not only it's a soothing possession but also a huge responsibility. One should take care of her/his pet as a child. Owners should observe 2nd and understand all the little details of their par pets such as their likes and dislikes, eating habits, cravings, comfortability, favourite food, sleeping habits, etc. Owners should fulfill all their demands and give them everything that their pets desire. However, one must not forget that a concern for everything is good only if it is under the limit. In the case of pets too, the owners should understand when to stop fulfilling their pet's demands and pampering. An owner's biggest responsibility is her/his pet's life. So, she/he should make sure that she/he doesn't overindulge or over-pamper her/his pet as it may cause trouble to the pet's life, or even cost its life. Hence, pet-keeping is a job that should be done with utmost sincerity. |
| 4 | Dr. James Herriot used to share the goodies sent by Mrs. Pumphrey, with his fellow doctors in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery’. Imagine yourself as the writer of the story and develop a conversation between Dr. James Herriot and his co-doctor.Ans. **Dr. James Herriot**: Look! Mrs. Pumphrey just sent these amazing goodies for Tricki.**Co-doctor**: Great, look how amazing these silky beds and cushions are.**Dr. James Herriot**: Wait.....check out the wine and eggs, Look scrumptious. As you know Tricki can't have any of these and I can't break Mrs. Pumphrey's heart by rejecting these.**Co-doctor**: Oh! how considerate of you mate. Come on, let's devour these. We can't let them go waste.**Dr. James Herriot**: Okay. I'll bring the glasses and you bring the plates. The feast is waiting for us. |
| 5 | Read the extracts given below and critically examine the difference of views regarding the keeping of pets of both the characters:(A) "He seemed to have no energy. I thought he must be suffering from malnutrition, so I have been giving him some little extras between meals to build him up, some malt and cod liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night to make him sleep - nothing much really."(B) "Now I really mean this. If you don't cut his food right down and give him more exercise he is going to be really ill. You must harden your heart and keep him on a very strict diet."Ans. On one hand, we have Mrs. Pumphrey who was an over-indulgent pet owner while on the other, we have Dr. Herriot, who was an efficient veterinarian doctor.(A) Mrs. Pumphrey was an over-concerned pet owner. She treated her pet dog with loads of luxurious things. She spoilt extreme pampering. In fact, she almost put his life in danger by overfeeding him with inappropriate food. (B) Dr. Herriot was an efficient vet. He used ed of to advise Mrs. Pumphrey for cutting down on her pet's diet and make him do a lot of physical exercises. He believed that nothing should be done beyond the limit, be it pampering or feeding done to pets. He was concerned for the health of animals and made sure that they follow a strict diet and carry out plenty of physical activities that canines love. |
| 6 | Excess of anything is harmful. Evaluate this in the context of Tricki's condition in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.Ans. Tricki, the pet dog was overfed by his mistress. He was given all kinds of food items which were not good for a dog like cream cakes, chocolates, wine, etc., in excess. Excess of food caused Tricki to become fat and bloated. He became lethargic and listless. He also started word vomiting because of the excess food. This holds true for everything and everyone. Excess of any food is even harmful to human beings. Just like the absence of beneficial things is not good, similarly, the excess of good things is not beneficial. There is a limit to everything and once the limits are transgressed, it is bound to cause harm in some way or the other. Even now things like exercise which is good for all, are harmful if done in excess. Thus, excess of anything is harmful. |
| 7 | Dr. James Herriot didn't perform any surgery on Tricki in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery' but he never revealed it to Mrs. E Pumphrey. Imagine yourself as the writer of the story and develop a conversation between Dr. James Herriot and Mrs. Pumphrey when she got to know about the reality of Tricki's recovery.Ans. **Mrs. Pumphrey**: Why did you lie to me, doctor? I trusted you so much. You could have told me the truth about Tricki's recovery. I am his owner. I have the right to know what's going on with my pet.**Dr. James Herriot:** You are absolutely right Mrs. Pumphrey. You have all the right to know about your pet. However, as a doctor, I too have some rights. Tricki is your pet but he was my patient. I had to anyhow save his life by restricting his diet and making him exercise rigorously. I knew you would never approve of that and I was scared that Tricki might lose his life because of that. So, as a doctor, I hid the truth from you for Tricky's recovery. **Mrs. Pumphrey:** Oh! Thanks, doctor. I never thought like that. You are right. I couldn't have ever cut down on Tricki's diet. He is my baby. You saved my son's life. I am grateful to you. |
| 8 | Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Trick pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment.Ans. Tricki was definitely more than a dog for Mrs Pumphrey. She treated him like a pampered child of hers. Tricki was earlier a small dog. The only cause of Tricki’s overweight was his greed for food. Overfeeding and overdose of sweets, cakes and chocolates made Tricki hugely fat. He became rheumy and listless. His tongue lolled from his jaws. The doctor advised Mrs. Pumphrey to keep Tricki on a very strict diet and make him do plenty of exercise. Dr. Herriot’s instructions were ignored by Mrs. Pumphrey. Tricki lost his appetite and started vomiting. Dr. Herriot suggested to Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki must be hospitalised under his observation for a fortnight. Tricki was so attached to her that she almost fainted merely at the thought of his separation. Tricki was highly pampered. The entire staff and maids were ever-ready to pamper him with fluffy beds, cushions, toys, etc. Tricki’s recovery was amazingly rapid. He was not given food but plenty of water. After a few days, Tricki started taking an interest in his surroundings. He was transformed into a flexible and hardmuscled dog. Tricki showed his love for his mistress by jumping onto her lap when she came to take him back home. |
| 9 | Dr. James Herriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricki. Comment.Ans. Dr James Herriot was a capable veterinary surgeon who treated Tricki. He was a compassionate doctor and a wise and sympathetic human being. He showed his capabilities almost immediately when he advised Mrs Pumphrey to put Tricki on a strict diet after understanding his symptoms. Dr Herriot was also an understanding and tactful person as he knew exactly how to free Tricki from the spoiling love of Mrs Pumphrey. He does not operate upon the dog unnecessarily and adopted a practical approach to treating him. His method worked and soon Tricki was transformed into an energetic dog. Mr James was a caring and polite individual as he successfully tackles Mrs Pumphrey's anxiety about Tricki's recovery patiently. Dr. Herriot was not only a sincere doctor but was also a good-natured man. He knew that the things sent by Mrs Pumphrey could not be given to Tricki. |