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Topic :A Triumph of Surgery

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S.No. Read the following extracts and answer the questions.

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- 1 . *'And did you cut down on the sweet things as I told you?'*
- (a) What sweet things are being referred to in the extract?
The sweet things mentioned in the extract are cream cakes and chocolates.
 - (b) Why does the speaker enquire if the sweet things have been cut down?
The speaker enquires if the sweet things have been cut down because these were spoiling Tricky's health and he needed to be put on a strict diet.
 - (c) What is the meaning of the phrase 'cut down'?
The phrase 'cut down' means 'to reduce the quantity of something'.
 - (d) What is the opposite of 'sweet'?
'Sour' is its opposite.
2. *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.*
- (a) Where was the speaker going and with whom?
The speaker was going to the hospital with Tricky.
 - (b) Why was everybody in tears?
Everybody was in tears because Tricky was being hospitalized as he was ill. Everyone was worried about his health.
 - (c) Find the word in the extract which is an antonym of the word 'cheerful'.
The word is 'despairing'.
 - (d) What is the opposite of 'before'?
'After' is its opposite.
3. *"Poor old lad", I said. "You haven't a kick in you but I think I know a cure for you".*
- (a) Why does the speaker say "poor old lad".
The speaker addresses Tricky as a poor old lad because he is unwell and listless.
 - (b) What cure did the speaker know?
The speaker knew that the cure for Tricky's illness is to put him on a strict diet.
 - (c) What is the meaning of 'a kick' in the extract?
The phrase means 'any alertness'.
 - (d) Write a synonym of 'cure'.
'Heal' is a synonym of 'cure'.

Short answer questions (30-40 words)

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- (a) What made James Herriot expect a call from Mrs Pumphrey?
Ans: James Herriot's encounter with Mrs Pumphrey and Tricky made him expect a call for help. He was sure that the extra diet and no physical activity would soon put

Tricki's health in danger. And just as anticipated, Mrs Pumphrey called the vet a few days afterwards.

- (b) 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 listless. So, she started to give him extra snacks like cod-liver oil and malt between the main meals and Horlicks after dinner to make him stronger. She also continued his cream cakes and chocolates.

- (c) What made Mrs Pumphrey call the vet?

Ans: Tricki's condition made Mrs Pumphrey call the vet for help. Tricki had become fat and lazy. He just used to lie on his rug and pant. He also refused to eat food, even his favourite dishes. His bouts of vomiting added to Mrs Pumphrey's worry. That is why, she called James Herriot.

- (d) How can you say that it was hard for Mrs Pumphrey to part with her loving pet?

Ans: Mrs Pumphrey treated Tricki as her own child. She loved him very much. It was very difficult for her to see Tricki in such a situation. She was distraught when she had to make the decision to hospitalise Tricki, for her love for him knew no bounds. It was a terrible and tearful moment for her but she agreed to Herriot's suggestion for the betterment of her pet.

- (e) What kind of treatment was given to Tricki? Did it help in his recovery?

Ans: Tricki was given a non-medicinal treatment. His diet regimen was altered depending upon his body's response to it. He was kept on liquid diet for the first two days and then his diet was gradually increased. Yes, this treatment did help Tricki as it built up energy in him. He had transformed to an energetic, hard-muscled dog in just a fortnight.

- (f) Was Tricki suffering from any ailment in reality? If not, then what made him inactive and lethargic?

Ans: No, Tricki was not suffering from any ailment. It was his greed for food and the love of his mistress that spoiled his health to such an extent. He was being overfed everyday and that made him obese and lethargic. That is why his health showed rapid improvement when his diet was controlled.

LONG ANSWER QUESTION (100-120 words)

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- i) Pen down incidences in support of values one should inculcate from Mr James Herriot.

Mr Herriot was a capable veterinary surgeon who treated Tricki. He was a very 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. He can also be said to be an understanding and tactful person as he knew exactly how to free Tricki from the spoiling love of Mrs Pumphrey for his betterment. He does not operate upon the poor dog unnecessarily and adopts a practical approach to treat him. Mr James was a caring and polite individual as he successfully calms Mrs Pumphrey's anxiety about Tricki's recovery patiently. He was in all a good human being and a successful professional.