

# SUPPLEMENTARY READERS: FOOTPRINT WITHOUT FEET

## A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY

1. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.

A. I marched out to the car carrying the little dog wrapped in a blanket.

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, supper bowl.

(i) In the above extract 'his' refers to.....

- (a) Tricki's
- (b) Mr. Herriot
- (c) Hodgkin
- (d) None of these

**Ans-(a) Tricki's**

(ii) The staff was carrying out his things because.....

- (a) he was getting hospitalised
- (b) he was going to the park
- (c) he was going to the mall
- (d) he was going on a trip

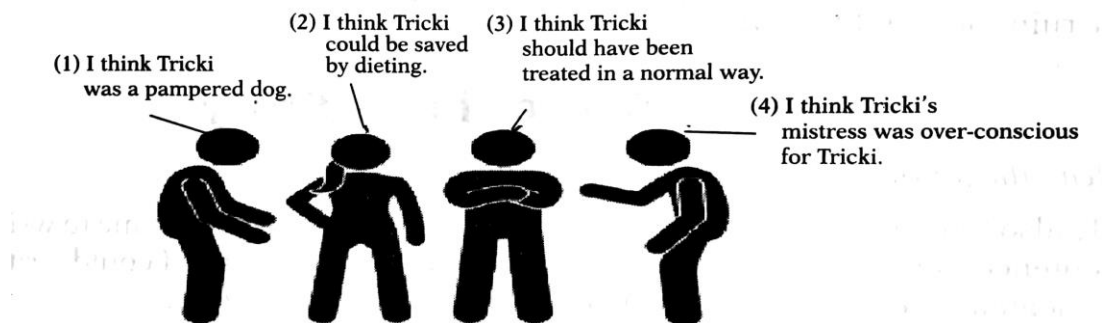
**Ans-(a) he was getting hospitalised**

(iii) Who carried the little dog wrapped in a blanket?

- (a) Mrs Pumphrey
- (b) Dr James Herriot
- (c) Hodgkin
- (d) None of these

**Ans-(b) Dr James Herriot**

(iv) Pick the option that correctly classifies Facts (F) and Opinions (O) of the students below.



(a) F-I, 2 and O-3, 4

(b) F-2, 3, 4 and O-1

(c) F-2, 4 and O-1, 3

(d) F-I and O- 2, 3, 4

**Ans-(d) F-I and O- 2, 3, 4**

(v) ..... from the extract means 'woken up'

(a) Carrying

(b) Rushed

(c) Roused

(d) Supper

**Ans-(c) Roused**

## **2. Answer the following questions in 20-30 words each.**

(i) "I think I know a cure for you." What was the cure?

**HINTS-** overeating -lack of exercise -a very fat dog. only cure -a very strict diet-to be removed -Mrs Pumphrey's house.

(ii) What did Mrs Pumphrey do to bring Tricki back to normal health? Was she wise?

**HINTS-** Felt –malnutrition-give cod-liver oil -malt between meals-Horlicks after dinner- became more lethargic

(iii) How did lunch become 'a ceremonial occasion' for Mr Herriot and his partners?

**HINTS-** Doctor and staff-enjoy the treats -arrived – for Tricki.

## **3. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words each.**

(i) Why was Mrs Pumphrey not able to control Tricki's diet?

**HINTS-** according to her-very weak-loved ice creams -chocolates. -a very loving mistress-could not refuse.

(ii) How do you know that Tricki had an affluent life?

**HINTS-**a pampered pet -a wardrobe of tweed coats -had separate beds for day and night –cushions-toys-rubber rings-breakfast bowl-supper bowl -lunch bowl-luxury items -affluent living.

(iii) Describe the 'parting scene' between Tricki and Mrs Pumphrey's entire household staff.

**HINTS-** Tricki -as her own child-difficult - Tricki in such a situation-hospitalise Tricki -heavy heart -all belongings -sent-tearful farewell

**4. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words each.**

A. Over pampering is not only bad for humans but also for animals. Do you think over pampering by parents is in favour of the children? What are the negative things that a child imbibes from overprotection and over pampering? Elaborate with reference to the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.

**HINTS-** Some parents- too possessive - Spoil their Children - more harm than good- child-materialistic- Hinders growth-stubbornness -all values lost-Personality –flawed-Excess of anything -bad - love – without - spoiling or pampering.

B. Write a brief character sketch of Mr Herriot, the veterinary surgeon. What impresses you the most in him? Do you think he is a good judge of human nature?

**HINTS-** compassionate doctor - wise -sympathetic -Showed his capabilities -advised -Tricki -strict diet- tactful - free Tricki -the spoiling love-no unnecessary treatment-practical approach- caring -polite -Allays -Mrs Pumphrey's anxiety -Tricki's recovery -Loved his profession-Treated -patient -full care.