

Objective Type Questions

I. Extract - based questions

I. Read the following extracts and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow:

The entire staffs 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. 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."

1. What might be the atmosphere of the household in the above extract signify?

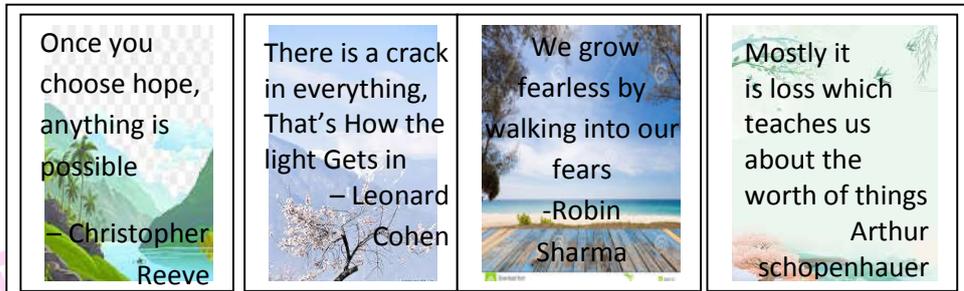
- a. Mrs. Pumphrey's status in society reflected in Tricki's lifestyle.
- b. The staff's love for Tricki, which matched that of Mrs. Pumphrey
- c. The grand life of comforts and luxuries that Tricki enjoyed.
- d. Mrs. Pumphrey's indulgence and anxiety acted upon by the staff.

2. Given below are emoticons reflecting various expressions and reactions. Choose the option that correctly describes the narrator's mindset in the given extract.



- a. Options (i) and (iii)
- b. Options (ii) and (iv)
- c. Options (iii) and (v)
- d. Options (ii) and (v)

3. Given below are some well-known quotes shared by the staff to console Mrs. Pumphrey, after Tricki's departure. Choose the option that correctly identifies the quote that IS NOT appropriate to the consolation offered.



(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(iv)

a. Options (i)

b. Options (ii)

c. Options (iii)

d. Options (iv)

4. 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 in order 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

5. The narrator describes Tricky as a "pathetic little animal". The use of the word 'pathetic' indicates that the narrator:

a. Was very fond of Tricky

b. Thought Tricky was contemptible

c. Pitied Tricky's condition

d. Believed Tricky's health was deteriorating

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## II. Extract - based questions

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 meal times and hunting rats in the old hen house 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.

1. 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 of his recovery.

a. Statements (i) and (ii)

b. Statements (iii) and (iv)

c. Statements (i) and (iii)

d. **Statements (ii) and (iv)**

2. 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 silks 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 with Mrs. Pumphrey.

3. 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.

4. "All the while, Mrs. Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background".

Given below are different types of Pet Parenting styles described in Country Living, (ane- 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

5. Pick the option that reveals Tricki's characteristics in the context of 'fighting like a tiger for his share at meal times and hunting rats in the old hen house at night.'

- (1) selfish      (2) happy      (3) greedy      (4) confident      (5) Sturdy      (6) cruel
- i. 2,4 and 5                      ii. Only 2                      iii. 1 and 5                      iv. 3,4, and 6

### III. Extract - based questions

1. ' The expected call came within a few days.' Why had Dr. Herriot expected the call?

- a. Mrs. Pumphrey was not adhering to his advice.
- b. Dr. Herriot knew Tricki's was suffering.
- c. Tricki was not going for his walks.
- d. Dr. Herriot wanted Tricki to be hospitalised.

2. Why did Mrs. Pumphrey send bottles of wine at the surgery?

- a. to enrich Ticki's blood.
- b. for the staff members who were looking after Tricki.
- c. to build Trick's strength.
- d. for Tricki's Constitution.

3. Mrs. Pumphrey referring to Tricki's recovery as a 'triumph of surgery' is :

a. respectful      ii. Courteous      iii. Ironical      iv. **Complimentary**

4. What ailment was 'Tricki suffering from:

a. malnutrition      b. he had no energy      c. **he was greedy**      d. he had fever

5. \_\_\_\_\_ was tottering along in his little tweed coat. Fill in the blank from the given choices.

- a. Mr. Pumphrey      b. **Tricki**  
c. Mr. Herriot      d. Mrs. Pumphrey's gardner

6. What is not the meaning of the word 'convalescence'? Choose the correct meaning from the given choices.

- a. **to have fits**  
b. Recuperate  
c. Rehabilitation  
d. To rest and get better (over a period of time)

7. What did Mrs. Pumphrey sent to enrich Tricki's blood?

- a. two dozen eggs      b. cream cakes      c. bottles of wine      d. chocolates

### Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. Why was Dr. Herriot really worried about Tricki?

When Dr. Herriot saw Tricki with his mistress, he was really worried. He was shocked at his appearance. The dog had become hugely fat. His eyes were bloodshot and rheumy. His tongue lolled from his jaws. Naturally, the miserable condition of the dog made him really worried.

2. What special diet did Mrs Pumphrey give to build Tricki up?

Mrs. Pumphrey found that Tricki had become listless. He seemed to have no energy. She thought he must be suffering from malnutrition. She decided to give some little special diet between meals to build him up. She gave him some malt, cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at **night**. She couldn't refuse cakes and chocolates to Tricki even after being advised to cut down on the sweet things.

**3. What was the only fault of Tricki as diagnosed by Dr Herriot?**

Dr Herriot knew that overindulgence and pampering of Tricki's mistress. Mrs. Pumphrey, created problems for him. The only fault of Tricki was his greed for food. He had never known to refuse food. Overfeeding and not giving him proper exercise made him hugely fat and dull.

**4. Why did Dr. Herriot try to sound severe when he gave strict instructions to Mrs. Pumphrey about Tricki?**

Dr. Herriot knew the real cause of Tricki's problems. He found that the only fault of Tricki was his greed for food. So he gave strict instructions to Tricki's mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey. He asked her to cut his food right down. He also recommended giving him more exercise and keeping him on a very strict diet.

**5. What plans did Dr. Herriot make to get Tricki out of the house?**

Dr. James Herriot realised that as long as Tricki was with Mrs. Pumphrey, he would be miserable. He suggested her that Tricki must be hospitalised for a fortnight. He would be under his observation. The lady almost fainted on hearing this, but Dr. Herriot took a firm line. He insisted that the dog was ill and it was the only way of saving him.

**6. How did Mrs. Pumphrey react when she heard from the doctor that Tricki needed to be hospitalised for a fortnight?**

When Dr. Herriot informed Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki was to be kept under his Supervision, Mrs. Pumphrey almost fainted on hearing this. It was extremely difficult for her to be away from her pampered pet for a fortnight. She agreed only after Dr. Herriot told her that was only way of saving Tricki.

**7. How was Tricki treated at the surgery?**

Dr. Herriot gave no medical treatment to Tricki. He realised that the only problem of Tricki was his greed for food. For two days, Dr. Herriot gave no food but plenty of water. He made up a bed for him in a warm loose box next to where other dogs slept.

**Short Answer Type Questions**

**1. What do you think would happen to Tricki after he went back to Mrs. Pumphrey?**

After he went back to Mrs. Pumphrey, Tricki was very happy. As a result, Mrs. Pumphrey must have taken good care of the dog and must not have overfed it. So that Tricki would stay as healthy as at the end of the story.

2. **"I was really worried about Tricki this time." Comment on the writer's choice of beginning the story in this manner. What purpose does it serve?**

The above line shows the narrator's concern about Tricki when the narrator saw the dog after a long time he was really in bad health. And when he asked Mrs. Pumphrey about his diet and exercises, she made excuses and was not following it.

3. **Why was it important for Mrs. Pumphrey to be a little cruel in order to be kind towards Tricki?:**

It was important for Mrs. Pumphrey to be a little cruel towards Tricki because he was being overfed which impacted his health. She needed to cut down the food intake of Tricki. It was the only way to help him regain his health.

4. **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?**

Strength gets accumulated after facing struggles in one's life. If the person does not face any challenges in his life, he will remain weak forever. In the same way, when Mrs. Pumphrey had to stay away for a long time, she understood true worth of Tricki and good health for him.

5. **'Privilege often confuses actual needs for perceived ones.'** Evaluate this statement with reference to Mrs. Pumphrey.

Mrs. Pumphrey loved her dog too much. She treated him like her own son. She could never refuse to give Tricki whatever he demanded for. In fact, she herself had made assumptions about Tricki's likes and dislikes so she couldn't understand that Tricki needed controlled diet rather than sweets and drinks.

6. **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. Herriot**

**I 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.....(continue).....**

..... I am writing to you to share my feelings regarding Tricki's recovery. When dear Tricki came back from the hospital, he was transformed into a flexible, hard muscled animal. He was stretching out in great bounds. But, I was really left heartbroken when Mrs. Mallard

informed me that Tricki was given no food for two days. Any ways, I must thank you Dr. Herriot for doing what was needful for Tricki and curing him.

**7. What was the major flaw in Tricki ?**

Mrs. Pumphrey had a dog named Tricki. Indirectly, she was responsible for the dog's illness. She gave him little extra between meals i.e., malt, cod-liver oil, etc. He was not given any physical exercise. So, the dog fell ill and started vomiting also. It made Mrs. Pumphrey so much worried that she had to call the veterinary surgeon, Dr. Herriot for his treatment.

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**14. Describe the gradual progress of Tricki at the surgery.**

Tricki's main problem was his greed for food. For two days, Dr. Herriot gave no food but plenty of water to the dog. On the first day, Tricki lay motionless on the carpet. On the second day he started showing some interest in his surroundings. On the third day he began to whimper when he heard the dogs in the yard. From then on, his progress was rapid. He started for his share of food and hunting rats at night.

**15. How did the word 'convalescing' affect Tricki mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey?**

The moment Mrs. Pumphrey heard that Tricki was out of danger and convalescing she was excited. She started bringing fresh eggs, two dozen at a time, to build up his strength. Wine and brandy were given to enrich Tricki's blood. For a few nights, brandy was rolled around, inhaled and reverently drunk.

**16. Why was Dr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?**

Tricki was a pampered dog and his mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey was an overindulgent lady, for a happy period. Dr. Herriot and his partner had two eggs each for breakfast. Then there was a liberal inflow of wine and brandy. They were the **days** of deep content for him. He was naturally tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest.

**17. What excuses did Mrs. Pumphrey give for not following Dr. Herriot's advice? What was the effect of the ignorance?**

Dr. Herriot knew that the only fault of Tricki was his greed for food. Mrs. Pumphrey was an indulgent mistress and pampered Tricki with malt, cod-liver oil and bowls of Horlicks. Dr. Herriot had advised her to cut down on sweets and give him some exercise. Tricki was to be kept on a very strict diet. Mrs. Pumphrey told the doctor that it was very difficult. The result of ignoring the doctor's advice was disastrous. Tricki lost his appetite and lay motionless on the carpet. He vomited again and again.

**18. Why did Tricki become an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery?**

Tricki was to be hospitalised for a fortnight. The pathetic little dog was gasping for breath. At the surgery, the household dogs surged around Dr. Herriot. Tricki looked down at the noisy dogs with dull eyes helplessly. He lay motionless on the carpet. The other dogs circled around him sniffing for a few seconds. They decided that Tricki was an uninteresting object for them. Therefore, they ignored him.

**19. How did Mrs. Pumphrey and her servants behave when Tricki was being taken away to surgery?**

Dr. Herriot had advised that Tricki must be hospitalised under his observation for a fortnight. When the dog was being sent away to the surgery, the whole staff was roused. The maids rushed in and out. They were busy in bringing Tricki's day bed, night-bed cushions, toys breakfast bowl, lunch bowl etc. When he was departing, everybody was in tears. The over indulgent mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey gave a cry in desperation.

**20. How was Tricki accepted as a member of the gang and the other dogs started enjoying his company?**

Tricki was out of danger. He started taking interest in his surroundings on the third day. Joe, the greyhound and other dogs surrounded him. They rolled him over and inspected him. Tricki followed them to the garden. He was running and rolling down in their company. Now he was accepted as a member of the gang.

**21. Do you think that Dr. Herriot was a sensible, practical and clever person? How?**

Yes, Dr. Herriot was a pragmatic person. He was sensible enough to recognise Tricki's greed for food. He was highly practical. He knew that it was difficult for Mrs. Pumphrey to part with the dog. So, he advised her that Tricki must be hospitalised under his supervision for a fortnight. It was necessary to save him. He was a clever person and was tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest. Actually he was enjoying best of both the worlds.

**22. Wasn't Mrs. Pumphrey an overindulgent but silly and practical mistress?**

Yes, Mrs. Pumphrey was fabulously rich. She could afford to be over indulgent towards her favourite pet dog. Tricki the dog was pampered like a spoiled child. She was silly enough to provide cushions, toys, day-bed, night-bed unnecessary items like malt, cod-liver oil. Horlicks, wine and brandy which are not available even to human beings. Her impractical nature led to overfeeding of Tricki. He grew hugely fat, listless and dull.

## Long Answer Type Questions

1. 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?
    - a. I am sad to leave you people and go back to Mrs. Pumphrey's house. It's not that I don't love her. I really love her a lot and also care for her affection and care. But I miss the company which I got here. There I keep lying on my couch and keep eating the delicious which are provided to me. I long for my friends. I too want to run, play and exercise like them. This is the reason I'm unwilling to go back to Mrs. Pumphrey's house.
    - b. I received great care here in the hospital. The first two days I missed the food that I got in my house. But I actually, felt lighter the third day. I loved joining my friends and their friendly barking, fighting with them for share of food and hunting rats at night. You know, food, good bedding and best care can never replace the feeling of freedom that I experienced here in the hospital.
2. Imagine that Walt Whitman shares his poem 'Animals' in response to Dr. Herriot's narration of Tricki's story. Dr. Herriot reflects on the poem and his experience with Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey, draws a connection between them and records his thoughts in his diary. Write the diary entry as Dr. Herriot. You may begin this way:

12 May 1950, Friday 9.30 pm Walt's poem has compelled me to think again about my experience with Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey. All those materialistic playthings ....

12 May, 1950, Friday

Walt's poem Animals has compelled me to think again about my experience with Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey. All those materialistic playthings and uncontrolled food couldn't help Tricki to retain his health. When Mrs. Pumphrey found that Tricki was no more active and energetic, she tried to give more nutrients in his food to make him more energetic. But she was not giving him exercises. In fact, Tricki was not suffering from any disease. Poor animal couldn't resist eating food and used to have meal at any hour of the day or night. As a

result, he had become glutton. But he didn't complain about his condition. Nor did he complain when he was kept starving for two days in my hospital.

The same wonderful and insightful message has been given by Walt Whitman in his poem *Animals*. He says animals are a more content and wiser than the humans. They are calm, placid and self-contained.

**3. Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricki pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment.**

or

**Give a brief character - sketch of Mrs. Pumphrey.**

Mrs. Pumphrey was quite a rich and resourceful lady with a large number of servants and maids. She was passionately attached to her little pet dog Tricki. She was much worried about Tricki's miserable condition. Tricki had become hugely fat and listless. She thought he was suffering from Malnutrition. So, she started giving Tricki malt, cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night.

Being overindulgent, Mrs. Pumphrey even ignored Dr Herriot's advice. "The doctor knew that Tricki's only fault was his greed for food. He had advised Mrs .Pumphrey to cut down food and sweets for Tricki. He also advised her to give him plenty of exercise. The dog was to be kept - on a very strict diet. For Mrs. Pumphrey it was very difficult for her because she pampered Tricki like a spoiled child. This only compounded Tricki's misery. His condition worsened. He lost appetite and started vomiting,.

Mrs. Pumphrey was impractical but very compassionate and caring. She and her staff arranged all comforts, beds, cushions and toys for Tricki. She constantly enquired about his health from Dr. Herriot. She gratefully thanked Dr. Herriot for saving Trick's life and called it " a triumph of surgery". Had she been a little more practical and disciplined, things might have not gone that far.

**4. Give a character sketch of Tricki**

Or

**Tricki was more than a dog. He was more like a spoiled child of overindulgent mistress, Mrs.Pumphrey Comment.**

Tricki was definitely more than a dog. Actually he was like a pampered child of Mrs Pumphrey. Tricki was a small dog. The only fault of Tricki 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 give him plenty of exercise.

Tricki became a victim of overindulgence and over feeding. Dr. Herriot's instructions were ignored. Tricki lost appetite and started vomiting. Dr. Herriot suggested Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki be hospitalised under his observation for a fortnight. Tricki was so much 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 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 interest in his surroundings. He was transformed into a flexible and hard muscled dog. Tricki showed his love for his mistress by jumping onto her lap when she came to collect him.

**5. Dr James Herriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricki. Comment or Give a character sketch of Dr James Herriot**

Dr James Herriot no doubt, was a competent veterinary surgeon. He was really worried about Tricki. He understood that the real fault of the dog was his greed for food. He never refused food. The dog had become hugely fat and listless. Dr. Herriot also suggested to cut down sweets to him. He advised her that Tricki must be hospitalised for a fortnight under his observation.

Dr James Herriot was practical and pragmatic. He didn't give any medical treatment to the dog. The dog was not given food any but lots of water. His method worked. Tricki's recovery was surprisingly rapid. Tricki was transformed into a flexible and hard muscled dog. He was not only out of danger but was soon handed over to his mistress. The grateful mistress thanked Dr Herriot and called his feat "a triumph of surgery!"

Dr James was clever enough to enjoy best of both the worlds. He was tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest. It was a happy period for Dr Herriot and his friends. He enjoyed eggs for breakfast and wine and brandy for lunch.

**6. Why did Mrs. Pumphrey the mistress of Tricki, make a frantic call to the noted veterinary surgeon, Dr James Herriot? How did Dr. James Herriot succeed in curing Tricki?**

Mrs. Pumphrey, the mistress of Tricki was an overindulgent lady. She pampered and even spoiled her pet dog. Dr. Herriot instructed her to keep Tricki on a very strict diet and give him a lot of exercise. She ignored him. It was very difficult for her to deny Tricki sweets, cakes and chocolates. She gave a frantic call to Dr. James Herriot only when Tricki's condition worsened. Tricki lost his appetite and started vomiting. Dr. Herriot advised that the dog be hospitalised under his observation for a fortnight. It was difficult for Mrs. Pumphrey to accept it but she accepted it only to save Tricki's life.

Dr. James Herriot knew that Tricki's only fault was his greed for food. He didn't give him a medical treatment. He didn't give Tricki food but a lot of water for a few days. His method worked. Within a few days, Tricki's was out of danger. His recovery was rather rapid. He started taking interest in his surroundings. His appetite came back and he ran along with the other dogs in the garden. Dr. Herriot informed Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki was completely cured and she could collect him. The grateful mistress thanked the doctor and called his feat 'a triumph of surgery!'

**7. Why did Dr. James Herriot say that he was tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest? Give a reasoned answer.**

Dr. James Herriot was not only a competent veterinary surgeon but also a clever man of the world. No doubt Tricki was in a highly miserable state when he was brought to Dr. Herriot's surgery. The doctor gave no medical treatment to the dog. He didn't give good but a plenty of water for a few days. Tricki's recovery was rather rapid. Soon, he was transformed into a flexible and hard-muscled dog. The grateful mistress obliged Dr. Herriot and his friends. Hits partners and he himself had two eggs each for breakfast. Lunch became a ceremonial occasion. The grateful and fabulously rich mistress of Tricki, treated him warmly with liberal servings of wine and brandy.

Dr. James Herriot was enjoying the best of **both** the worlds. He had no hesitation in accepting Mrs. Pumphrey's tempting services. Naturally it was a temptation for him to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest. Those were days of deep content. Fresh eggs in the morning, wine at noon and finishing luxuriously around the fire with brandy. Who shouldn't like such a pleasant situation? After all, Dr. Herriot was a clever and worldly wise man.

**8. Describe Tricki's stay at Dr. James Herriot's surgery, highlighting his behaviour and his rapid recovery.**

Dr. Herriot found out quite early what was the real problem with Tricki. He knew that Tricki's only weakness was his greed for food. He therefore, wanted Mrs. Pumphrey to keep Tricki on a strict diet and give him plenty of exercise. Dr. Herriot instructed her that the dog be hospitalised under his observation for a fortnight. At the surgery Tricki looked down at the noisy dogs with dull eyes. He lay motionless on the carpet. The other dogs ignored him as an uninteresting object. A bed was made in a warm loose box next to the other dogs. For two days Dr. Herriot kept an eye on him. He gave him no food but plenty of water. He gave no medical treatment to Tricki.

Dr. Herriot's practical treatment worked. First, Tricki started taking an interest in his surroundings. His appetite returned. He started running along with the other dogs in the garden joining in their friendly barking. Then Tricki's stay at the surgery became quite enjoyable. His indulgent mistress gave him fresh eggs, wine and brandy. Even Dr. Herriot was tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest. However Tricki's recovery was quite rapid and he was handed over to his mistress. The grateful Mrs. Pumphrey thanked Dr. Herriot and called his feat "a triumph of surgery!"

**9. The foolish indulgence and pampering of the rich mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey was the real cause of Tricki's miserable condition. Give a reasoned answer.**

Overindulgence and pampering beyond a limit becomes unproductive. Be it a pet or a child, some discipline is very necessary. The rich and resourceful mistress was the main cause of Tricki's miserable condition. The entire staff and maids were there to look after the needs of Tricki. His day-bed night-bed, cushions toys, rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl and supper bowl were always kept ready. Dr. Herriot rightly found that Tricki's only fault was his greed for food. Overfeeding of sweets, cakes and chocolates made Tricki hugely fat and listless. Had Mrs. Pumphrey followed Dr. Herriot's instructions sincerely, things would not have worsened so far. The doctor advised her to put Tricki on a strict diet and give him a plenty of exercise. It was necessary to cut down his intake of sweets. But foolish indulgence of the mistress ignores his saner advice. The result was disastrous. Tricki lost his appetite and started vomiting. Only when Mrs. Pumphrey was ready to send Tricki to surgery to Dr. Herriot's for a fortnight things started improving. The doctor gave him no food but plenty of water for a few days. It worked and Tricki's recovery was rather fast.