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Class:X

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Topic: Ch-1 A Triumph of Surgery

Q1. What makes you know that Mrs Pumphrey was a rich lady?

Ans. Mrs Pumphrey was a wealthy lady as she had many servants and maids, and also had a pet. She used to feed her pet with a lot of dishes, sweets and snacks. Moreover, she had a separate room and a wardrobe for her pet. All these things show that she was a rich lady.

Q2. The household dogs at the surgery rejected Tricki as an "uninteresting object". Why?

Ans. At the surgery, the household dogs surrounded Tricki. He looked at them with dull eyes. The other dogs sniffed him, but he did not give any response. So, they found him as an uninteresting object and rejected him.

Q3.Privilege often confuses actual needs for perceived ones.' Evaluate this statement with reference to Mrs Pumphrey.

Ans. Mrs Pumphrey was a rich lady. Her overindulgence and pampering beyond a limit became unproductive. The entire staff and maids were there to look after the needs of Tricki. She gave him a bowl of Horlicks at night to make him sleep. Overfeeding of sweets, cakes and chocolates made Tricki hugely fat and listless.

Q4. What did Mrs Pumphrey think her dog suffered from? How did she try to help him?

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 meals and Horlicks after dinner to make him stronger. She also continued his cream cakes and chocolates.

Q5. Herriot seems to be a duty-bound doctor who values other's 'emotions' than his personal interests. Elucidate the above statement.

Ans. Herriot was a duty-bound veterinary doctor. He used to visit Mrs Pumphrey's house regularly for the regular check-up of her dog, Tricki. Mrs Pumphrey was a very rich lady who had pampered her dog. Dr Herriot was quite worried about Tricki's health. He knew that the dog was over-fed by his owner. He advised Mrs Pumphrey to not feed him with rich diet and make him do a lot of exercises. But she didn't bother. Hence, in order to improve Tricki's health, he decided to take him away to the surgery. He told her that Tricki needed surgery. He cut down his diet and



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made him play and do exercise which improved his health. Although he knew Mrs Pumphrey was very rich and much attached to the dog, he did not take any advantage of it. He just performed his duties

