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Class-IX Subject -English Literature

Topic- A Dog named Duke

Answer the following questions:

Q1) Discuss the significance of the promotion given by the company headquarters to honour Duke?

Ans) Hooper was appointed as the 'Assistant National Sales Manager'. His promotion was more of a tribute to Duke as it was only due to the efforts made by Duke that Hooper was able to regain health, his job and his confidence. This was not an ordinary promotion but very significant as Duke's efforts had changed an impossible thing into a possible one.

Q2) Which incident transformed Chuck Hooper from a favoured young man to an unfortunate young man ?

Ans) Hooper was fortunate in every way. He was tall, healthy and satisfied man working as a Zonal Sales Manager in a chemical company. Everyone liked him, but good luck did not last long and one unlucky day when he was driving home from office, a car collided head on with his car. He had a brain injury which paralysed his left side. He became bedridden. In this way from a favoured young man, he was transformed into an unfortunate man.

Q3) Is it 'Irony of Fate' that Duke who had nursed Hooper back to normalcy, had to meet such a terrible end? Discuss.

Ans) When Chuck was admitted to the hospital after his accident, every effort made by the doctors and others had failed to cure his paralysis. The intelligent effort made by Duke had changed an impossible situation into a possible one. It is really an irony that he who had nursed Hooper back to normalcy, himself met with an accident. Just like Hooper, he was also hit by a vehicle. It is an irony that he who had been successful in bringing life to Hooper, himself could not survive and met with such a terrible end.

Q4) 'On January 4, Hooper made the big move.' What was this big move? Was this move welcome or did it create further problems?

Ans) The big move made by Hooper on January 4, was that for the first time, without Duke's help, he walked the distance of 200 metres from the clinic to the local branch office of his company. For a person who had been paralysed, with there being hardly any hope of his recovery, it was really a big move. Everyone was amazed to see him in his office. When he told the manager that he wanted to continue work initially for one hour, everyone was shocked. In the company headquarters, Chuck's move presented tough problems because, seeing Chuck's courage and determination, nobody had the courage to tell him that he wouldn't be able to handle his old job. Moreover, they didn't know what to do with his demand to do a desk job just for an hour, when his job of a salesman required him to move around all the time.

Q5) What qualities did Chuck and Duke exhibit that helped them come a long way?

Ans) Both Chuck and Duke showed some great qualities which helped them come a long way. Duke goaded his master to start walking and Chuck too did not disappoint his pet. The two made a ppslow beginning but they never thought of giving up. They showed a lot of patience before Chuck finally started to move on his own. Many a times, Chuck tripped in the dark and fell down. When this happened, Duke did not console with his master. Instead, he waited till his master finally got up and stood on both his feet. The master and his dog kept persevering even when the going got tough. The miraculous recovery of Chuck would not have been possible if both he and Duke were not determined. It was their steely determination that helped Duke and Chuck achieve their goal. Finally, it can be said that Duke and Chuck complemented each other very well. They worked in tandem and theirs was a combined effort.