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Worksheet 2

Class - IX

Subject - English

Topic - A dog named Duke

Q1.RTC-

- I. “In 1953, Hooper was a favoured young man. A big genuine grin civilized his highly competitive nature. Standing six-foot-one, he’d played on the university football team. He was already a hard-charging zone sales manager for a chemical company. Everything was going for him.

Then, when he was driving home one autumn twilight, a car pulled out in front of him without warning. Hooper was taken to the hospital with a subdural haemorrhage in the motor section of the brain, completely paralysing his left side”

1. What did Hooper do for a living?
2. Which sport did Hooper play during his university days?
3. Find a word from the extract which means “polite and well-mannered”
4. Who wrote this story?

- II. Instinctively, he looked for Duke.

They carried the big dog into the house. Marcy took one look at Duke’s breathing, at his brown eyes with the stubbornness gone. “Phone the vet,” she said. “Tell him, I’m bringing Duke.” Several people jumped to lift the dog. “No, please,” she said. And she picked up the big Duke, carried him gently to the car and drove him to the animal hospital.

1. Why was Duke carried into the house?
2. Where did Marcy take Duke?
3. What was the expression in Duke’s eyes?
4. Who and why did he look for Duke?

Q2. Answer the following questions-

1. Chuck was going great guns before he faced a major setback. How did his life change all of a sudden?

2. When Duke was brought inside the house after he had met with an accident, Marcy observed something. What did she notice?
3. Discuss the qualities of Duke.
4. Imagine an alternative ending to the story "A dog named Duke".