A Triumph of Surgery Previous Year Questions (with model answers)

Q1. What does Mr. Herriot mean by "happy period" for himself and his partners? Explain. [CBSE 2024]

Ans. The happy period was the time when the surgery was flooded with delicacies sent by Mrs Pumphrey. She sent in a lot of items like eggs, wine and brandy for Tricki. However, the doctor did not feed the entire stuff to Tricki. Instead, the entire surgery had lavish feasts and enjoyed.

Q2. What excuses did Mrs. Pumphrey make about Mr. Herriot's advice? [CBSE 2023]

Ans. Mrs Pumphrey said that she was concerned about Tricki being listless. As it was due to malnutrition, she fed it little extras between meals to build up its energy. She started supplementing his meals with malt and cod-liver oil, even adding a bowl of Horlicks at night. She couldn't bear to refuse its favourite cream cakes and chocolates. Hodgkin the gardener had been ill and couldn't take Tricki for games.

Q3. What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice? Did Mrs. Pumphrey agree to his advice? [CBSE 2023]

Ans. Mr Herriot was very strict and told Mrs. Pumphrey that if she did not cut on its food and give him more exercise, Tricki would get sick. She agreed to his advice but it was difficult for her to harden her heart.

Q4. Why is Mrs. Pumphrey responsible for Tricki's condition? [CBSE 2020]
OR

How did Mrs. Pumphrey spoil Tricki? [CBSE 2020]

Ans. She is Tricki's owner and is responsible for the dog's ill-health which is due to overeating and excessive pampering. Mrs Pumphrey is rich and gives excessively nutritious food to the pet. Exercising is also very little which makes Tricki dull, swollen and lethargic. All this negligence on Mrs Pumphrey's behalf makes Tricki ill.

Q5. Was Tricki suffering from any ailment in reality? If not, then what made him inactive and lethargic? [CBSE 2019]

Ans. Tricki was not suffering from any ailment. The only problem was overeating and inactivity. The main cause was the excessive pampering by Tricki's mistress, Mrs Pumphrey.

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