

A Triumph of Surgery

Previous Year Questions

Q.1. We are often over-indulgent towards people we care about." Explain with reference to the context of the story "A Triumph of Surgery".

Q.2. The expected call came within a few days. Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught. Tricki would eat nothing. Refused even his favourite dishes; and besides he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time lying on a rug, panting. Didn't want to go for walks, didn't want to do anything.

I had made my plans in advance. The only way was to get Tricki out of the house for a period. I suggested that he be hospitalised for about a fortnight to be kept under observation.

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(i) Which of the following is not a reason why Mr. Herriot thinks Tricki needs to be taken out of the house for a period?

- (A) He wanted to keep Tricki away from Mrs. Pumphrey.
- (B) He wanted to keep Tricki under observation.
- (C) He wanted to do an experiment on Tricki.
- (D) He wanted to improve Tricki's health.

What was the main reason for Mrs. Pumphrey to be distraught? Answer in about 40 words.

(iii) State True or False:

When Mr. Herriot says, "I had made my plans in advance" what he actually means is, he had already seen this trauma coming for Tricki.

(iv) Which of the following best describes Mrs. Pumphrey ?

- (A) unkind and inconsiderate
- (B) impractical but compassionate
- (C) anxious and ambitious
- (D) fearful but confident

Q.3. Why is Dr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest? (40-50 words)

Q.4. What role does Tricky's immediate environment play in "A Triumph of Surgery" ?

Q.5. What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice? Did Mrs. Pumphrey agree to his advice ?

Q.6. Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricky's appearance?

Q.7. How did Mrs. Pumphrey treat Tricky ?

Q.8. What excuses did Mrs. Pumphrey make about Mr. Herriot's advice?