

CBSE CLASS X

English Language & Literature (184)

QUESTION PAPER

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Subject	English Language & Literature
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Q1.

[3]

How did Mrs. Pumphrey treat Tricky ? (The Triumph of Surgery)

Previously asked in: 2023 2/4/1 Q9 (a)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q2.

[5]

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 his rug and 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.

Read the following extract and answer the questions:

(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? [1]

- 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.

(ii) What was the main reason for Mrs. Pumphrey to be distraught? Answer in about 40 words. [2]

(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. [1]

(iv) Which of the following best describes Mrs. Pumphrey? [1]

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

Previously asked in: 2024 2/5/1 Q6(b)

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Q3.

[5]

Tricki was tottering along in his little tweed coat.... He struggled on, drooping in his harness. I thought it wouldn't be long before I heard from Mrs. Pumphrey. 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 hospitalized for about a fortnight to be kept under observation. The poor lady almost swooned. She was sure he would pine and die if he did not see her every day. But I took a firm line. Tricki was very ill and this was the only way to save him.

Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two, (a) or (b):

(i) Why had the author made his plans in advance? [1]

(A) Mrs. Pumphrey was worried that Tricki would pine and die without her.

(B) The author was aware of the severity of Tricki's medical condition.

(C) The author knew about Mrs. Pumphrey's financial condition.

(D) The author had planned his own vacation.

(ii) The author firmly proposed the need to remove Tricki from the house for a specified period. Elaborate the reason for doing so in about 40 words. [2]

(iii) Fill in the blank with the correct word from the brackets. The word 'swooned' in the following sentence indicates almost _____ (tripped/fainted). [1]

(iv) "Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught." What does this suggest about her character? Mention any one reason. [1]

Previously asked in: 2025 2/2/1 Q6 (b)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q4.

[6]

Compare and contrast Tricki's condition before and after his stay at the surgery. How does this contrast help in understanding the role of proper care, discipline and environment in ensuring Tricki's well-being? (A Triumph of Surgery)

Previously asked in: 2026 2/2/1 Q11(a)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q5.

[3]

Considering the emotional attachment of Mrs. Pumphrey with Tricki, state the impact of the word 'convalescing' on her. (A Triumph of Surgery)

Previously asked in: 2026 2/3/1 Q9 (i)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q6.

[3]

What does Mr. Herriot mean by "happy period" for himself and his partners? Explain. (A Triumph of Surgery)

Previously asked in: 2024 2/2/1 Q9 (i)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q7.

[3]

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

Previously asked in: 2024 2/4/1 Q9 (i)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q8.**[3]**

Analyze how Herriot uses Tricky and Mrs. Pumphrey's relationship to comment on societal attitudes towards pets and the responsibilities associated with their care.

(A Triumph of Surgery)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/1/1 Q9 (i)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q9.**[3]**

In 'A Triumph of Surgery', how does Tricky's condition reflect the consequences of pampering pets excessively? What does this suggest about human attachment?

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q9 (iii)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q10.**[3]**

Lunch transformed into a significant ceremonial event for Mr. Herriot and his associates. Do you agree? Explain with reference to 'A Triumph of Surgery'.

Previously asked in: 2025 2/4/1 Q9 II

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q11.**[6]**

Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words:

Evaluate how "A Triumph of Surgery" is a lesson in thoughtful parenting.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q11(I)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q12.**[6]**

Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words :

Evaluate the elements of humour and endearment in "A Triumph of Surgery".

Previously asked in: 2026 2/4/1 Q11 (a)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q13.**[6]**

Answer in about 100-120 words : In the story, 'A Triumph of Surgery', a wealthy woman's nonsensical behaviour, is depicted. Do you think such individuals are merely displaying foolishness or could their actions potentially, inflict harm upon others ? Support your answer from the text.

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q11(b)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q14.**[3]**

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

Previously asked in: 2023 2/6/1 Q9 (b)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

Q15.**[3]**

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

Previously asked in: 2023 2/1/1 Q9 (c)

♦ A Triumph of Surgery

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