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CLASS Xth SUPPLEMENTARY READING CHAPTER – 1 WORKSHEET

SUPPLEMENTARY – 1 A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY (AUTHOR – JAMES HARRIOT)

❖ **Word meanings:**

- 1) Sausage – a thin tube like casing
- 2) Lolloped – came out
- 3) Wrung – twisted
- 4) Tottering – walking weakly
- 5) Swooned – became unconscious

❖ **Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words:**

1) Why did Mrs. Pumphrey make a frantic call to Mr. Herriot?

- Mrs. Pumphrey had a dog named Tricki. Indirectly, she was responsible for the dog's illness. She gave him little extra between meals i.e., malt, cod-liver oil, etc. He was not given any physical exercise. So, the dog fell ill and started vomiting also. It made Mrs. Pumphrey so much worried that she had to call the veterinary surgeon, Dr. Herriot for his treatment.

2) Why was the narrator shocked at Tricki's appearance?

- The narrator was shocked at Tricki's appearance because he had become very fat. His blood red and rheumy eyes gazed straight. His tongue lolled from his jaws. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner.

3) Why was Mr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest?

- Mrs. Pumphrey used to send lots of things like eggs, wine, brandy etc., for Tricki. But nothing was given to Tricki. All the things were consumed by the doctor and the other members of the hospital. Hence, Mr. Herriot was tempted to keep Tricki as his permanent guest.

❖ **Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:**

1) How can you say that Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich lady?

- Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich lady who had a small dog, named Tricki. She had pampered the dog by providing him things like a raincoat for wet days, a whole wardrobe and full of tweed coats. There were separate bowls like breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl etc. or his different meals. She had a lot of servants and maids to take care of him and to serve Tricki's favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings. Besides, she owned chauffeur driven long, black car. All these things suggest that she was a rich lady. She used to give Tricki some extras between meals to build him up. Some malt, cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks which only the rich can afford to feed their dogs. She also fed him with cream cakes and chocolates which he loved very much.

2) What treatment was given to Tricki by Dr. Herriot?

- Tricki fell ill Dr. Herriot was called upon. When he looked at the dog, he immediately made out that Tricki did not need any medicine. He was sick because he had taken excess food. So, he

gave little food and stressed on lots of water and exercise which Tricki was not used to. He was served food with other dogs and was made to run and play also with them. He joined them in their friendly scrimmages. Gradually, he learnt the art of hunting rats in the old den, house, fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes. In other words, he was leading a normal life which he never had done with Mrs. Pumphrey. Soon, Tricki became normal without taking any medicine. His progress was very rapid. He learnt to live an active and normal life, like other dogs. He had lot of fun and he had never had such a time in his life because of luxuries provided to him.