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A) Read the passage carefully & answer the questions:

The house- the only one in the entire valley -sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a good downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho -who knew his fields intimately- had done nothing but see the sky towards the north-east.

i. Based on the detail of the house's location, how can it best be described?

- a) Majestic b) imposing c) solitary d) unique

Answer: c) solitary

Reason: because it was the only house in the entire valley.

ii. The field of corn dotted with flowers means that

- a) Not a single flower was bigger than a dot b) the flowers were scattered across.
c) The flowers were in shaped like dots. d) The flowers had shrunk in size.

Answer: b) the flowers were scattered across.

Reason: The field of ripe corn was dotted with flowers, which implies that a good harvest could be expected. The word "dotted" doesn't mean that the flowers are tiny, but instead, they appeared "like dots" from the distance where the house (and the narrator) stood.

B) Why did the other dogs ignore Tricki? (Triumph of Surgery)

- A) He was a new dog.
B) He was very violent.
C) He was uninteresting.
D) He was of a different breed.

Answer: C) He was uninteresting.

Reason: Tricki lay motionless and made no attempt to mix with the other dogs. Hence, they found him uninteresting and chose to ignore him.

C). What did the narrator feed Tricki on the first two days? (Triumph of Surgery)

- A) Plenty of water
B) Special dog diet
C) Limited food and water
D) Balanced diet

Answer: A) Plenty of water

Reason: The narrator did not give Tricki any food for two days. He only gave him plenty of water.

D) Which of these is the correct meaning of the word 'whimper'? (Triumph of Surgery)

- A) Barking sound made by dogs

- B) Low sound of pain
- C) Loud noise of anger
- D) A woof of recognition

Answer: B) Low sound of pain

Reason: 'Whimper' means to make a series of low and feeble sounds. These sounds are often made by those who are suffering from pain or sorrow.

E) Read the extract carefully & answer the following questions:

**"Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued".**

(i) How did the crow change the poet's mood?

- (i) making him feel sad
- (ii) Making him feel refreshed by shaking the dust of snow on him
- (iii) Singing a song in melodious voice
- (iv) Throwing some flowers on him

Answer: (ii) making him feel refreshed by shaking the dust of snow on him

Reason: The crow shook the hemlock tree which dropped snow onto the poet. This snow represents joy and it made the poet realize that he is wasting his day instead of being happy. Hence, his mood changed from sad to happy.

(ii) The word 'rued' means:

- (i) Enjoyed
- (ii) Spoilt
- (iii) Regret
- (iv) Sad

Answer: (iii) regret

Reason: The poet means when he says that he has saved his some part of the day is that the little incident brings about a sudden change in the state of the his mind . His mood has changed. He thinks that it has saved the rest of his day.

(iii) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?

- (i) abab
- (ii) aabb
- (iii) abaa
- (iv) abcd

Answer: (i) abab

Reason: because it is rhymed in the same given rhyming scheme.

F. Choose the CORRECT statement about the given poem. (Poem- Fire & Ice)

- a) Fire and ice are images – they help the readers visualise the power of nature over man.
- b) Fire and ice are symbols – not of natural disasters but of humanity's ability to create disasters of its own.

- c) Fire and ice are elements – not of nature but man-made and possess the ability to create havoc for mankind.
- d) Fire and ice are agents – they change the thinking of mankind from negative to positive and bring harmony.

Answer: Option B

Reason: It describes how we humans will be the end of our own race. It also illustrates how desires, feelings of lust, and passion lead us to do ourselves harm, how hatred and unsympathetic judgement make us cold towards everyone.

G. Pick the option that is NOT TRUE about the poet according to the poem- Fire & Ice.

The poet.....

- A. is inclined to believe that the world would most likely end with fire.
- B. has heard divided opinions about the way the world would end in all likelihood.
- C. preaches love and kindness to combat the spread of hate among all.
- D. declares the power of ice to be as destructive as that of fire.

Answer: Option C

Reason: The poem "Fire and Ice" by Robert Frost is a metaphor for human perceptions of desires and hatred. The fire symbolises burning desires, while the ice, on the other hand, describes ice-cold hatred. It describes how we humans will be the end of our own race.
