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4. (a) With reference to Hooper, the author says, "Every thing was going for him", What does it imply?

- (i) He had everything that a man aspires for.
- (ii) People admired him.
- (iii) He did what he wanted.
- (iv) He was capable of playing games.

Answer:

- (i) He had everything that a man aspires for.

(b) Duke never jumped on Chuck again because

_____.

- (i) Duke was paralysed and unable to jump
- (ii) Chuck was angry with Duke for jumping at him
- (iii) Duke realized that Chuck was not well and could not balance himself
- (iv) Marcy did not allow Duke to come near Chuck

Answer:

- (iii) Duke realised that Chuck was not well and could not balance himself.

(c) The author says that Duke 'knew his job'. The job was

_____.

- (i) to look after Chuck
- (ii) to get Chuck on his feet
- (iii) to humour Chuck
- (iv) to guard the house

Answer:

- (ii) to get Chuck on his feet

(d) " _____ even Duke's presence didn't reach Chuck ". Why?

- (i) Duke was locked in his kennel and Chuck couldn't see him.
- (ii) Duke hid himself behind the bed post.
- (iii) Duke had come to know that Hooper was not well.
- (iv) Hooper was lost in his own grief and pain.

Answer:

- (iv) Hooper was lost in his own grief and pain.

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5. (a) In 1953, Hooper was a favoured young man. Explain.

Answer:

In 1953, Hooper was a favoured young man. Standing Six-foot-one, he'd played on the university football team. He was already a hard-charging zone sales manager for a Chemical company.

(b) They said that they would create a desk job for Hooper at headquarters.

- (i) Who are 'they'?
- (ii) Why did they decide to do this?

Answer:

- (i) 'They' refer to the seniors of Hooper who were working for the same chemical company Hooper used to work for.
- (ii) Hooper had met with an accident and was critically ill suffering

from a subdural haemorrhage. He remained on the critical list for a month. After five weeks when the men from his office came to visit him, they told him that they would create a desk job for him at headquarters because they knew his left side was completely paralyzed and he would not be able to move around.

(c) Duke was an extraordinary dog. What special qualities did he exhibit to justify this? Discuss.

Answer:

Duke was an extraordinary dog with special qualities, when Duke came from the kennel, he jumped on Chuck and he knew instantly that he was never to jump on him again. From that moment, he took up a post beside master's bed around the clock. Duke encouraged his master to get up by poking his nose under Chuck's elbow and lifting it up. He also nudged, needled and snorted. Finally, chuck and duke began walking together with Duke pulling at the leash and holding taut so that Chuck could be supported and he could take one step forward. What began as one step at a time culminated in Chuck walking by himself.

(d) What problems did Chuck present when he returned to the company headquarters?

Answer:

Chucks moving back to the company's headquarters presented several tough problems. Looking at the way he had fought to get back to his normal life, no one had the heart to tell him that he would not be able to handle his old job. Yet it was impossible to work as a salesman if you can't move about and can work for just one hour in a day.

(e) Why do you think Charles Hooper's appointment as Assistant National Sales Manager is considered to be a tribute to Duke?

Answer:

Charles Hooper's appointment as assistant national sales manager is considered to be a tribute to Duke because just as Duke helped Chuck to walk again, step by step Chuck's appointment advanced the objectors of the company step by step.

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