Rose and Albert sat as usual after breakfast by the window in the farmhouse kitchen. In one sense the day was the same as any other, with the sound of the chickens and the smell of the barn coming through the open window. But today was special. Albert's retirement day had finally arrived. Rose could not help feeling apprehensive and a bit worried.

Question 1: What can Rose see out of the kitchen window?

(a) A barn, fields and trees.

(b) A busy shopping street.

(c) Sand dunes stretching for miles.

(d) Nothing.

Question 2: Why was today special? Because

(a) summer had finally arrived.

(b) it was Albert’s retirement day.

(c) they were having breakfast by the window.

Question 3: Is Albert

(a) around 10 to 20 years old?

(b) around 30 to 40 years old?

(c) around 60 to 70 years old?

Question 4: What was Rose worried about?

(a) Albert’s health.

(b) A nasty smell coming from the window.

(c) Albert no longer helping her.

(d) She was getting too old.

"Come on Albert" said Rose, "one last time!". Albert yawned and then barked - his usual acknowledgement of his mistress's command. Albert had been a good and faithful worker ever since he'd arrived at the farm, and Rose knew she could depend on him again today.

Question 5: Is Albert

(a) around 10 to 20 years old?

(b) around 30 to 40 years old?

(c) around 60 to 70 years old?

Question 6: Are there sheep on Rose's farm?

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

Rose felt around for her white stick, and then felt Albert's nose against her arm. Albert gently nudged Rose's hand until her fingers touched the top of the stick, just as he had been taught to do years before. Rose wondered (worried) if her new guide dog would be so well trained.

Question 7: Are there sheep on Rose's farm?

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

Question 8: Why did Rose need to use a white stick?

(a) Because she was blind.

(b) Because she was old.

(c) Because her leg hurt.

Question 9: What can Rose see out of the kitchen window?

(a) A barn, fields and trees.

(b) A busy shopping street.

(c) Sand dunes stretching for miles.

(d) Nothing.

Before she could get up, the phone rang. To her amazement, Rose heard her daughter say how tired she was from living and working in the city. She explained that she was coming back home to take care of the farm, her mother, and good old Albert. Rose sighed with relief.

Question 10: Why was Rose relieved?

(a) Her daughter would help her with the new guide dog.

(b) Her daughter was tired of city life.

(c) Her daughter would give her a lot of money.