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I **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:-**

1. *'Finally they decided to bring Duke home, Chuck said he wanted to be standing when Duke came in, so they stood him up.'* **4**
- (a) Who are they in the above line?
Marcy and Chuck Hooper
- (b) Where was Duke?
Duke was in a kennel.
- (c) ... they stood him up. Why couldn't he stand himself?
Hooper had met with an accident and was hospitalized. Recently he was discharged from the hospital but was on a wheelchair.
- (d) Name the author and the lesson.
A Dog Named Duke by William D Ellis
2. *'When two fellows stare at each other day in, day out, and one cannot move and the other can't talk, boredom sets in, Duke finally couldn't take it. From a motionless coil on the floor he'd spring to his feet, quivering with impatience.'* **4**
- (a) Who are the two fellows mentioned here?
Duke the dog and Chuck Hooper.
- (b) Pick out the antonym of the word 'patience' from the extract.
Impatience
- (c) Who couldn't move and why?
Chuck couldn't move as he was paralyzed after the accident.
- (d) Duke finally could not take it? What was that?
Duke could not bear the boredom set in between Chuck and himself.
3. *'When Marcy saw that Duke could do for her husband, she told the doctor, who preferred a course of physiotherapy with weights, pulleys and whirlpool baths and above all walking d gradual scale.'* **4**
- (a) What does the statement 'what Duke could do for her husband' imply?
It implies how duke could help Chuck in his fast recovery.
- (b) Why did Marcy call the doctor?

The doctor could prescribe some other treatment to match with Duke's assistance
(c) Pick out the word from the extract that means the same as 'happening gently and slowly'.

Gradual

(d) Which one of the words used in the extract is related to water?

Whirlpool

II. **Short Answers to Questions (30-40 words):-**

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1. In 1953, Hooper was a favoured young man. Explain

Ans: Hooper was a favoured young man in 1953. A six foot tall football player Hooper was favorite of all. He had played in the university football team. He was a hardworking, a hard charging Zone Sales Manager for a Chemical Company.

2. They said that they would create a desk job for Hooper at the Headquarters.

(i) Who are they?

(ii) Why did they decide to do this?

Ans: (i) 'they' were some men from the company, who came to the hospital to see him when he had met with an accident.

(ii) Hooper could not go to the market for work. Being a Sales manager he was required to go to different places. But after the accident he could not move. So they decided to provide him with a desk job.

3. What had caused Hooper, a favoured young man to be confined to bed?

Ans: Chuck Hooper was a favoured young man working as a Zonal Sales Manager for a Chemical Company. Everything was going on well with him. One day he met with an accident and was admitted to the hospital with a subdural hemorrhage in the motor section of the brain, completely paralyzing his left side. This made him confined to bed.

4. What happened when Hooper was with his guests on October 12, 1957?

Ans: When Hooper was with the guests in a party, he heard the screech of brakes outside. He saw a few people carrying Duke who was breathless. Marcy carried him gently and drove him to the animal hospital. Duke was drugged and given the required medical treatment but he succumbed to his injuries.

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

Ans: It was Duke who led Chuck to the road to quick recovery. And when he achieved his

target, Duke disappeared forever. Chuck's promotion was the output of Duke's hard work only. Had Duke not helped Chuck, the latter would not have recovered soon and perhaps someone else would have been promoted in Chuck's place. Hence his promotion was a tribute to Duke's unforgettable meritorious services.

III. **Answers to Long Answer Questions (Value Based)** **8**

1. Charles Hooper met with an accident but he recovered quickly because of Duke's constant help. How the values of fellow feeling, gratitude and self-support are reflected in the character of Charles Hooper?

Ans: Charles Hooper is a character who reflects the values of fellow feeling, gratitude and self-support. He recognizes the support of his dog in his recovery. He has a fellow feeling for Duke the dog. He understands the importance of self – support, determination and strong willpower. He had met with an accident and received injuries in brain leading to subdural hemorrhage. Due to confinement in bed, he had a bout of depression. His wife tried to help him in his bad time but the role of Duke, his dog, is remarkable. Duke proved a nurse for him. Charles also reciprocated Duke's help. He was grateful to him. He dedicated his promotion to Duke as a tribute.

2. Charles Hooper is the protagonist of the story, A Dog Named Duke but the real hero is Duke, the dog. Support your answer with appropriate reasons. **8**

Ans: There is no doubt Charles Hooper is the protagonist of the story 'A Dog Named Duke' but the real hero is Duke, the dog. The title itself supports the above statement. The title does not give any indication about the accident and recovery of Charles Hooper. A mere mention of the title makes Duke the hero of the story. Duke's heroic work, his devotion to his master, his dedication and faithfulness makes him the real hero of the story. The entire plot of the story revolves around Duke. Each and every bit of information about Duke increases the curiosity of the reader. Even the restoration of Charles in his company and his promotion is considered a tribute to Duke, the dog. Hence, the statement that the real hero of the story is Duke is absolutely appropriate and justified.

3. One is often unable to taste the fruit of one's hard work. Explain with reference to the story 'A Dog Named Duke.' **8**

Ans: One is often unable to taste the fruit of one's hard work. Though it is not a universal truth in the case of Duke and Charles, it happened. Both Charles and Duke in the story 'A Dog Named Duke' could not taste the fruit of their hard

work. Charles met with an accident and received injuries in the brain leading to subdural hemorrhage. He could not move and went into depression. After a lot of efforts and support of Duke, the dog, he recovered from his handicap and depression. He joined his company and got a promotion too. Now it was time to reap the fruits of his labour. It was a time for him to repay for the devotion of Duke. But destiny had something else for them. Duke met with an accident and died. Charles got a shock of his life. The pang of separation and loss of a faithful, devoted pet was unbearable for him. It shattered him again. Duke could not see his master moving ahead and the master could not see his dog enjoying the success of his hard labour. Both were deprived of the taste of the fruit they labored for.

Practice Question

1. Imagine you are Chuck. Write a letter to your friend in about 150 words sharing your experience after your accident and Duke's efforts to get you back on your road to success. **8**
2. Duke was an extraordinary dog. What social qualities did he exhibit to justify this? Discuss **2**

Assignment Questions

1. Which incident changed Hooper's life and how? **2**
2. *"No please," she said. And she picked up the big Duke, carried him gently to the car and drove him to the animal hospital.* **4**
 - (a) Who picked up Duke and why?
 - (b) Pick out the antonym of "roughly" from the extract.
 - (c) Describe the big Duke.
 - (d) Why was he carried to the animal hospital?
3. *In 1953 Hooper was a favoured young man. A big genuine grin civilized his highly competitive nature. 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. Everything was going for him.* **4**
 - (a) What refined Hooper's competitive nature?
 - (b) In which capacity did the chemical company appoint Hooper ?
 - (c) What does the phrase 'Everything was going for him ' imply?
 - (d) Find the synonym of the word 'grin'.