**FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET:**

**LESSON – 1 A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY (JAMES HERRIOT)**

**Give short answers: (30 to 40 words)**

**Q1. How did lunch become ‘a ceremonial occasion’ for Mr.Herriot and his partners?**

**Mrs Pumphrey sends eggs, wine, brandy to the surgery for her convalescing pet. However these are enjoyed by the doctor and his staff. Having an egg, two glassews of wine before and during lunch, made lunch a ceremonial occasion for Mr.Herriot and his partners.**

**Q2. The household dogs at the surgery rejected Tricki as an uninteresting object. Why?**

**As soon as Tricki was introduced into the yard, all the household dogs swarmed around him and sniffed him. However, since he kept lying listless and did not play with them due to his health problem, the dogs thought of him as an uninteresting object and rejected.**

**Q3. What was the main cause of Tricki’s problems?**

**The main cause of Tricki’s problems was his greed . He was unable to refuse any food being offered to him by his indulgent mistress. He could not resist sweets like cream cakes and chocolates. All this made him fat, lethargic and ill.**

**Long answers (100 – 120 words)**

**Q1. Excess of anything is harmful. Explain this in the context of Tricki’s condition in the story “A Triumph of Surgery”.**

**Tricki, the pet dog was overfed by his mistress. He was given all kinds of food items which were not good for a dog like cream cakes, chocolates, wine, brandy etc., in excess. Excess of food caused Tricki to become fat and bloated. He became lethargic and listless. He also started vomiting all because of excess food. This holds true for everything and for everyone. Excess of food is harmful even for human beings . The absence of beneficial things is not good, similarly, the excess of good things too is not beneficial. There is a limit of everything and once the limits are transgressed, it is bound to cause some or the other harm. Even things like exercise which are food for all are harmful in excess. Excess of anything is harmful.**