

WORKSHEET No. – 06

(Based on “A Triumph of Surgery”)

Read the given extracts from the chapter carefully and answer the following questions in very short:

Question 1.

‘And did you cut down on the sweet things as I told you?’

- (a) What sweet things are being referred to in the extract?
- (b) Why does the speaker enquire if the sweet things have been cut down?
- (c) What is the meaning of the phrase ‘cut down’?
- (d) What is the opposite of ‘sweet’?

Question 2.

I tried to sound severe: “Now, I really mean this. If you don’t cut his food right down and give him more exercise he is going to be really ill. You must harden your heart and keep him on a very strict diet”.

- (a) Why did the speaker try to sound severe?
- (b) For whom was the advice given and why?
- (c) Find the word in the extract which is a synonym of the word ‘serious’.
- (d) What is the antonym of ‘hardened’?

Question 3.

As I moved off, Mrs Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears.

- (a) Where was the speaker going and with whom?
- (b) Why was everybody in tears? ‘
- (c) Find the word in the extract which is an antonym of the word ‘cheerful’.
- (d) What is the opposite of ‘before’?

Question 4.

“Poor old lad”, I said. “You haven’t a kick in you but I think I know a cure for you”.

- (a) Why does the speaker say “poor old lad”.
- (b) What cure did the speaker know?
- (c) What is the meaning of ‘a kick’ in the extract?
- (d) Write a synonym of ‘cure’.
