

## My pet

Rosy, is a dog which I have been keeping for the past four years. It was sheer accident that Rosy came into my hands. Our neighbor Mr. Jones was a dog fancier. He had a good kennel in his house where he reared different breeds of dogs. Suddenly, he got transferred from the town and he wanted to dispose of some of the dogs. He was talking about it to my father. Then I told my father that we could have one of the puppies; though reluctantly, my father agreed. Thus, Rosy came into my possession.

Why it was named Rosy, I can't say. It is an Alsatian. She is of medium height. She is grey colored with dark spots near her belly. The dog has a bushy tail and **glistening** eyes which has grown wonderfully well and can easily be the envy of many.

Rosy, can be seen about our house when she is not engaged in playing or when she is not sleeping. She takes pleasure in sneaking about the corners when she has nothing particularly to do. She is as **docile** as a dog in our presence. When we are not there she will be in her **mettle**. None can easily come near our gate. Though she doesn't bite, she will bounce on the person and paralyze him. Since the postman regularly comes, she recognizes in **him** a friend and so does not do him any harm She will try to catch the sparrow and it will be a splendid sight to see.

I give her a Spartan food. She takes some biscuits and milk in the morning and meat mixed with rice in the afternoon. Usually she is not given any food in the night. When we are at our table, Rosy keeps company with me but she shows no eagerness to touch even a crumb unless offered. So my father likes it. Rosy cries in a peculiar way. It is between barking and howling. Sometimes, she raises a cry like moaning. That means she wants to go out to relieve herself.

Whenever I go out in the evening, she accompanies me. My friends are afraid of **her** because she doesn't like silly mischief of boys. She shows her displeasure by a big bark and that is enough to unnerve the boys. My father says, Rosy would soon become a mother. Then I will have a litter of nice puppies.

**glistening** to shine by reflecting light from a wet, oily or smooth surface

**docile** quiet and easy to influence

**mettle** Inherent quality of character and temperament



**I) Reading comprehension (6 marks)**

1) Read and circle the right option.(1 mark).

Who gave the dog to the writer? → a) his uncle.  
→ b) his neighbor.  
→ c) his classmate.

2) Read and complete with information from the text.(2 marks)

Name of the dog	Type	Height	Colour	Physical description
.....	Alsatian	.....	.....	.....
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3) Correct the following false statement.(2 marks)

A) The boy has kept the dog for one year.

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B) The boy's friends are never scared of the dog.

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4) What do the underlined words refer to?(1 mark)

Him (paragraph 3) refers to :.....

Her (paragraph 5) refers to:.....



## II) Language (8 marks)

### A) Circle the correct alternative (2marks)

One day, I saw a boy from my class walking home from school. He was rather new to our school and I hardly knew him. He was one of those students( **who-which-why**) topped all the tests. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of(**him-he's- his**) books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday ? He must really be a nerd." I shrugged my shoulders and went on.

As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running towards him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him, so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw a terrible sadness (**on-in-at**) his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking (**for-by-of**) his glasses. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. they really should learn some manners."

He looked at me and said, "Hey, thanks !" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so we decided to walk home together.

### B) Fill in the blanks with words from the box . There are 2 extra words(4 marks).

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## My Babysitting Experience



One day, my parents had to go off for some hours to visit a sick relative. So I was left in .....of my baby sister. She is four years old and very mischievous.

When lunch time came, I seated her at the dining table. She spilt the food all over her and refused my offer to .....her. I had to clear up the mess and clean her up. The latter proved to be a quite difficult task as she was reluctant to have her dress changed, crying all the .....

Next, she wanted to sleep. So I put her in her **bed** but she was restless and wanted a drink. When she finished her drink, I thought my task was ..... and I could have some peace. But, no, she wanted a story told and I had to oblige her until she finally dropped off to sleep. I then seized the opportunity to watch TV programme. Unfortunately, the ..... woke her up and she let out a yell and cried. So I switched off the TV and carried her. Then she announced she wanted to go out to the ..... But, as she was running, she slipped and ..... I quickly picked her up and soothed her.

soon, it was time ..... her bath. She played in the water and splashed it all over me.

A) Put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form . (2marks)



## Modern means of transport

Recent developments in transport by land, sea and air, have been made necessary by the modern, 'high-pressure' age in which we live, and made possible by scientific and technological development. Since the war, most modern countries have electrified (they)..... railway systems, motor cars have become (fast).....and more comfortable , the bicycle has largely been replaced by the motor scooter. The hovercraft, floating with equal ease over sea or land by means of its compressed air jets, is becoming a useful method of( make)..... short sealand journeys. The nuclear-powered ship or sub-marine can travel on or in the water for months on end-without refueling. The helicopter can hover, take-off and land vertically, in a jungle clearing, on the deck of a ship, or on the roof of a (build)..... And in the sphere of fast air-transport, the jet-engine has revolutionized speeds and heights at which aircraft can travel, and so made the crossing of oceans and continents a matter of





