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**Class: IX**

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1. Read the given passage carefully.

Alleged link to human violence and psychological disorders

There are studies providing evidence of a link between animal cruelty and violence towards humans.

Conviction statistics are thought by some to show people convicted for animal cruelty to be more likely to be violent to humans, leading experts to believe that decreasing animal abuse will, in turn, decrease domestic violence. Meanwhile, others explain apparent correlation by criminal courts more often convicting the former for the latter crime as a self-fulfilling prophecy, without any actual link between the two types of actions. Others argue that psychiatry and other authorities outside of courts keep records of who have been cruel to animals and can make biased guesses about whether or not they did violence to humans thereafter and also that they conversely record people who have been violent to humans and can be more biased towards later assuming them to have been cruel to animals, explaining apparent links by institutional bias without link between the actions themselves.

Another criticism of these studies is the definition of cruelty as "socially disapproved behavior". Piers Birne, for instance, has criticized existing studies for ignoring socially accepted practices (such as animal slaughter and vivisection) that might be linked to violence against humans.

Intentional acts of cruelty can lead to multiple years behind bars. These acts (of intentional animal cruelty or non-accidental injury) may be indicators of serious psychological problems. According to the American Humane Association, 13% of intentional animal abuse cases involve domestic violence. As many as 71% of pet-owning women seeking shelter at safe houses have reported that their partner had threatened and/or actually hurt or killed one or more of their pets; 32% of these women reported that one or more of their children had also hurt or killed pets. Battered women report that they are prevented from leaving their abusers because they fear what will happen to the animals in their absence. Animal abuse is sometimes used as a form of intimidation in domestic disputes.

A history of torturing pets and small animals, a behavior known as zoo sadism, is considered one of the signs of certain psychopathologies, including antisocial personality disorder, also known as psychopathic personality disorder. According to The New York Times, "FBI has found that a history of cruelty to animals is one of the traits that regularly appears in its computer records of serial rapists and murderers, and the standard diagnostic and treatment manual for psychiatric and emotional disorders lists cruelty to animals a diagnostic criterion for conduct disorders."<sup>[46]</sup> "A survey of psychiatric patients who had repeatedly tortured dogs and cats found all of them had high levels of aggression toward people as well, including one patient who had murdered a young boy." Robert K. Ressler, an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's behavioral sciences unit, studied serial killers and noted, "Murderers like this (Jeffrey Dahmer) very often start out by killing and torturing animals as kids."

Cruelty to animals is one of the three components of the Macdonald triad, behavior considered to be one of the signs of violent antisocial behavior in children and adolescents. According to the studies used to form this model, cruelty to animals is a common (but not universal) behavior in children and adolescents who grow up to become serial killers and other violent criminals.

It has also been found that children who are cruel to animals have often witnessed or been victims of abuse themselves. In two separate studies cited by the Humane Society of the United States, roughly one-third of families suffering from domestic abuse indicated that at least one child had hurt or killed a pet

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

- i) Comment upon the theme of this passage.

- ii) How can a decrease in the animal abuse be responsible for the control in domestic violence?
  - iii) Define and describe cruelty in the reference to this passage.
  - iv) Which punishments are available for those involved in cruelty against animals internationally?
  - v) What is zoo sadism? Elaborate with examples from the passage.
  - vi) What is Macdonald triad? How is it so dangerous for the children and adolescents?
  - vii) Find words from the passage which mean same as the following expressions.
    - a) A firmly held belief or opinion (paragraph 2)
    - b) Ruthlessly sharp and detailed criticism or analysis (paragraph 3)
    - c) A fright or threat apprehended due to a thoughtless action (paragraph 4)
  - viii) Find words from the passage which means opposite to the given expressions.
    - a) Restored (paragraph 4)
    - b) Submission (paragraph 5)
2. You visited a village fair with your friends and spent a day there watching the poor innocent villagers having different things for their daily use purchased and entertaining them with their families in various funny ways and games. You were very pleased to see the role of these fairs in the striving lives of the poor farmers and felt the same to be reported in a national daily. Write your report in around 150 to 200 words.
  3. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences.
    - a) night/it/was/the/for/time/to/find/myself/to/crash/at/a/place
    - b) pattern/a/to/succumbs/never/also/animal/wild/a/chasing
    - c) remember/I/parents/my/me/telling/story/this/a/as/kid
    - d) a group of people/best enjoyed/it is/with
  4. Make a poster on child labour in India bringing awareness among the people for putting their efforts to remove this practice from the society.
  5. Write a travelogue of the places you visited during the summer vacation.

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