

1. **What is the author's purpose for writing the passage?**
 - A to advocate for pain-relieving medication for pets
 - B to compare the difference between sick people and sick animals
 - C to describe her disgust at the inhumane way we treat animals
 - D to argue that assisted suicide should be an option for individuals in extreme circumstances

2. **The opening paragraphs of the article allow the reader to infer that "Gov" is...**
 - A a man with an intellectual disability whose outbursts endanger others
 - B an elderly friend of the author's who lost her mind to mental illness
 - C the author's pet cat who grew sick with cancer
 - D the nickname the author uses to refer to her husband

3. **Which of the following details best allows the reader to conclude that the passage is non-fiction?**
 - A the author uses vivid imagery to grab the reader's attention
 - B the author shares facts and personal stories about real people
 - C the author describes situations that make the reader feel sorry for Henry
 - D the author writes in a first-person point of view

4. **Which persuasive technique does the author use when she recounts the story of Henry?**
 - A emotional appeal
 - B expert or celebrity testimonial
 - C bandwagon (appeal to the majority)
 - D facts and statistics

5. **Which persuasive technique does the author use when she mentions the following:**
"But money is a reality, and adding up all the institutional, medical and social services, Henry has already cost American taxpayers roughly \$1.5 million."
 - A emotional appeal
 - B expert or celebrity testimonial
 - C bandwagon (appeal to the majority)
 - D facts and statistics

6. Which word best describes the author's tone throughout the passage?

- A ironic
- B sympathetic
- C sarcastic
- D scornful

7. Reread the second paragraph. How does this paragraph contribute to the development of the author's main idea?

- A It shows that euthanasia can be more humane than suffering through sickness.
- B It argues that assisted suicide is a basic human right.
- C It illustrates the author's stance against assisted suicide.
- D It compares and contrasts the treatment of animals versus people.

8. What is the effect of the first person point of view?

- A It allows the reader to access Henry's thoughts and feelings.
- B It allows the author to share her personal experiences on the topic at hand.
- C It allows the author to imagine what it must be like to advocate for the intellectually disabled.
- D It allows the author to access the thoughts of the social workers, clients, and staff.

9. When the author uses the words "a gentle death" in the final paragraph, she is most likely referring to:

- A dying of old age
- B a slow death by sickness
- C assisted death
- D accidental death

10. Refer to the author's closing lines:

"I wish . . . that there were some place on this earth where Henry could live happily . . . But since there isn't, I find it disgraceful, as well as ironic, that we cannot bring ourselves to treat our fellow humans as humanely as we treat our pets."

What does the author mean by this? Choose the statement that best matches the intended meaning of her closing point.

- A It's upsetting that we as a society like to watch other people suffer.
- B It's ridiculous that we're willing to spend millions of dollars to extend the lives of people who don't want to live.
- C It's shameful that we're willing to end an animal's suffering, but not willing to do the same thing for a human being.
- D It's funny that we're willing to pay so much money to care for our pets.