

PRACTICE 3

Read the descriptions of different pets and answer the questions that follow.

Which Pet Is Right for You?

A – Cats

Cats are very popular pets. They can get by on their own and keep clean by licking themselves. They are affectionate and playful at the same time but one has to be cautious of their sharp claws. Many people are allergic to cats so one needs to spend time with a cat in a pet shop before bringing one home.

B – Rabbits

Rabbits are generally clean animals, rarely get sick and have their own personality. They are adorable and cuddly but require a lot of attention. They require a diet that is low in energy, calcium and protein but high in fibre. Rabbits can live alone.

C – Dogs

Dogs are the most popular pets in the world. These animals are well-known for being loyal and loving. They are sturdy, faithful and devoted to their owners. But of all pets, dogs require the most work. They need to be housetrained to relieve themselves only outside. They need daily exercise and owners have to take them for regular exercise and bathe them.

D – Fish

Fish are ideal as pets if you live in a small space or suffer from allergies. It is also perfect for busy people as fish do not need to be walked or taken to the veterinarian. The owner has to clean the aquarium or fish bowl frequently so that the water is clean and the fish are healthy. They are easy to feed too.

E – Birds

Birds are entertaining, colourful, interesting and entertaining pets. The most common kept birds are the canary and parrot. Birds are wonderful companions and can live for up to dozens of years. They are also delicate animals that need to be cared for carefully.

F – Hamsters

Hamsters are small, cute and can fit in your hands. That is why they should be kept in a cage as one can easily step on them. These animals do not require a lot of attention but a hamster ball or wheel is advised for them to get exercise and be able to roam about outside their cages safely. Due to their size one can have two or three hamsters at any one time.

Questions 1 to 4

Which paragraph (A–F) is suitable for the following people?
Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Statements	Paragraph
1 Salim wants a pet that is independent and can clean itself.	_____
2 Colin needs a pet that can live in his apartment.	_____
3 Kelly wants a pet that is a loyal and faithful.	_____
4 Aina would like a pet that seldom falls ill and is cuddly.	_____

Questions 5 to 8

Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the texts for each answer.

Details about Pets

- (5) _____ are very delicate animals and need to be looked after with great care.
- Due to their size, hamsters should be kept in a (6) _____ at home.
- Keeping fish as pets is ideal for people who have (7) _____.
- Rabbits should be given lots of vegetables because they need a diet that is high in (8) _____.