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OPTION A

PETS THAT FIND THEIR WAY HOME

1 A pity you can't ask a dog for the shortest route home when you're lost –or a cat or a seabird or a tortoise. They know a lot more than you think. It is amazing how nonhumans manage to find their way, often over very great distances. Recently a dog walked eleven miles to return home. It was especially praiseworthy because the dog had
5 been taken to its new location by car and found its way back on foot.

The kind of natural map any animal follows depends largely upon the species. Seabirds are believed to steer mostly by the sun and the stars. Other animals navigate via magnetism –in one study on baby sea turtles, which typically migrate east just after being born, changing the orientation of magnetic generators around a swimming pool
10 changed the direction in which the new-borns swam too.

Dogs, no surprise, are very good on scent. Cats might rely more on magnetic fields. The overall temperament can play a role in navigation too. A dog that travels a great distance to get home may be trying to return to its owner; a cat travelling the same distance is –sorry, cat owners- very probably trying to return to its territory.

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A AND B
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Why was so remarkable that a dog walked eleven miles to return home?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

- B1. Seabirds depend on their sight to find their way.
- B2. Baby sea turtles remain in their birth places until they grow up.
- B3. Cats and sea turtles may use similar systems for navigation.
- B4. Cats and dogs may have different purposes when travelling long distances.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a) Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: Recently a dog walked eleven miles to return home.
- b) Transform into reported speech: "It is a pity you can't explain why you arrived so late last night." **Begin with:** *My angry mother shouted that...*
- c) Transform into the active voice: Seabirds are believed to steer mostly by the sun and the stars.
- d) Complete: If my dog had gone missing ...

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) deserving approval and admiration
- b) the combination of mental, physical and emotional traits

- Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below:

- c) astonishing
- d) smell
- e) likely

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Write a story with an animal performing a particularly remarkable or clever action.