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Write answers for the following questions.

1. "The gunny bag stiff and bulging with the provisions stood upright on the ground and the mirror was placed on its face against the boy and Tony released for a moment from my waist first sat on his hind legs and then stretched himself full length from paw to tail-end panting and drooling at the mouth but looking quite pleased with himself. My eyes moved casually over the bag and I had the feeling that something was amiss, but I couldn't quite place my finger on it. I put my hand inside the bag and felt the rice, and the two packs containing sugar and dhal and my hand began to smell of milchard but still I had that <u>uneasy feeling</u> that something was missing and then all at once it <u>struck like a thunderbolt</u>.

- i) Who is Tony?
- ii) What is this situation?
- iii) Write the contextual meanings of the given words or phrases in the passage.
  - a) Uneasy feeling -
  - b) Struck like a thunderbolt -
- iv) Explain the physical and mental condition of the speaker at this moment.

2. "The novel 'Bringing Tony Home' makes us realize that as human beings we are still unable to deal with partings." Elucidate your answer.

3. The enduring love of a little boy for his pet is the central theme of the story, "Bringing Tony Home". Discuss.