OUR TRANSPLANT GIRL IS A LITTLE FIGHTER

The parents of a seven−month−old girl who had a liver transplant following a nation−wide appeal for a donor, spoke yesterday of their relief that she was responding well to surgery. Hannah Parkins, whose own liver had been failing, had been given days to live before her six hour operation on Friday night at the Diana, Princess of Wales Children’s Hospital in Birmingham. Thanking the donor family, Hannah’s mother, Gillian Parkins, 30, from Hyde, Greater Manchester, said: “We’re very, very grateful to them in what must be a very difficult and traumatic time. Hannah is looking well and is responding.” The baby’s father, Steven, 34, a medical technician, was cautiously optimistic, saying she still had a way to go. “She’s a fighter,” he said. She’s only a little thing but she’s very strong. “We’ve been very fortunate. We’ve had all these people to help us. But it’ll be couple of weeks before we can really relax.” The Parkins were speaking at the start of National Transplant Awareness Week. Jean de Ville de Goyet, the Belgian surgeon who headed the transplant team, said: “There have been no major complications. It’s working nicely. When it starts that way, there’s lot of hope.”

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VOCABULAIRE

liver = foie
transplant = transplantation
nation−wide = dans le pays entier
appeal = appel
relief = soulagement
surgery = operation
failing = déficient
grateful = reconnaissant
traumatic = traumatisant
fortunate = chanceux
surgeon = chirurgien
to head = diriger
hope = espoir

QUESTIONS

A) What is the story about?
1) a doctor who became famous
2) a baby who had a liver transplant
3) a hospital which was destroyed in a fire

B) Where is Hannah from?
1) Japan
2) England
3) Germany

C) The end of the text is mainly...
1) optimistic
2) pessimistic
3) sad

ANSWERS

A2 | B2 | C1
Les questions:
A) De quoi parle le texte? D’un médecin qui est devenu célèbre? D’un bébé qui a une une transplantation de foie? D’un hôpital détruit par le feu?
C) La fin du texte est principalement… optimiste/pessimiste/triste?