Questions on George Orwell’s ‘A Hanging’.

1. From whose point of view is the narration written?
2. What is the significance of the dog in the scene?
3. What is the significance of the phrase ‘he stepped slightly aside to avoid the puddle on the path’?
4. Why were the men laughing after the hanging?
5. What do you think is the narrator’s position on capital punishment?
6. Explain the meanings of the following words and phrases as they are used in the passage:
* ‘stopped short’
* ‘come goodness knows whence’
* ‘pranced’
* ‘dodged’
* ‘bobbing gait’