



ATTINGAL EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT
STANDARD 10
ENGLISH

Read the excerpt from the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the following questions.

Before long he was delving into my pockets and helping himself to whatever he could find. He was a very young squirrel, and his friends and relatives probably thought him headstrong and foolish for trusting a human. In the spring, when the banyan tree was full of small red figs, birds of all kinds would flock into its branches, the red-bottomed bulbul, cheerful and greedy; gossiping rosy-pastors; and parrots and crows, squabbling with each other all the time. During the fig season, the banyan tree was the noisiest place on the road. Halfway up the tree I had built a small platform on which I would often spend the afternoons when it wasn't too hot. I could read there, propping myself up against the bole of the tree with cushions taken from the drawing room. Treasure Island, Huckleberry Finn, The Mowgli stories, and the Novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Louisa May Alcott made up my bag of very mixed reading.

1. What is special about the banyan tree during the fig season?
2. Who was delving into the boy's pockets?
3. Identify the sentence which tells us that the boy is fond of reading.
4. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'searching thoroughly and carefully'.
5. Why did the boy build a small platform on the tree?
6. Name the books which made up his bag of mixed reading.

7. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' was very much excited by his acquaintance with the squirrel. He writes his feelings in his diary. Write the likely **diary entry**. (The following hints may help you to write the diary.)

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- **Date and day need to be mentioned in the diary.**
 - **Who is writing the diary?**
 - **Write the diary in first person.**
 - **What did the boy do to make friendship with the squirrel?**
 - **How did he feel when the squirrel finally accepted his friendship?**
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8. Here is a letter written by the boy in the story, 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' to one of his friends. But there are some errors in the letter. **Edit** them.

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Dear Achu,
Hope all are doing well there? Here, all are fine.

Hey achu, today I **happen(a)** to see a fight between a mongoose and a cobra. It was really a breathtaking scene. I must say that both the **combetants (b)** were superb fighters. The cobra was trying to mesmerize the mongoose. But the mongoose was well aware of his **opponents(c)** power. With **courage sheer** the mongoose made a brave attack and defeated the cobra. Oh dear!! it was really a frightening scene.

Convey my regards to all.

Yours lovingly
Abhiram.