

ENGLISH WORKSHEET 2021-22

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT Standard X

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1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

When I had also made a cautious descent from the tree and returned to the house, I told Grandfather of the fight I had seen. He was pleased that the mongoose had won. He had encouraged it to live in the garden, to keep away the snakes, and fed it regularly with scraps from the kitchen. He had never tried taming it, because wild mongoose was more useful than a domesticated one. From the banyan tree I often saw the mongoose patrolling the four corners of the garden, and once I saw him with an egg in his mouth and knew he had been in the poultry house; but he hadn't harmed the birds, and I knew Grandmother would forgive him for stealing as long as he kept the snakes away from the house.

1. Why was Grandfather pleased when the mongoose won the fight?
2. Why did Grandfather not try to tame the mongoose?
3. How did the narrator know that the mongoose had been in the poultry house?
4. Why would Grandmother forgive the mongoose for stealing eggs?
5. Identify a word opposite in meaning for the word 'domesticated'.

2. We have seen the boy and his Grandfather as the true lovers of nature. Using the hints given below, prepare the **character sketch** of the boy in a paragraph.



HINTS: (The boy-wishes to spent time in the banyan tree-a grey squirrel as his friend-enjoys the fig season and the birds-used to read books from the top of the tree-witness a fight scene between a cobra and the mongoose-identifies a white rat and the grey squirrel friendship giving birth to off-springs.)

3. After witnessing the fight between the cobra and the mongoose, the boy ran to his grandfather to explain the events. What would be the **conversation** between the boy and his grandfather?



4. 'And amongst the wool were the three baby squirrels – all of them white!' The boy couldn't stop wondering about the white squirrels. If he scribbled down this unforgettable sight in his diary, what would be the **diary entry**?

5. Prepare a **profile** of Ruskin Bond using the hints given below:

Birth: May 19, 1934, Kasauli, India
Education: Bishop Cotton School, Shimla
Famous as: Author, Poet
Works: First novel "The Room on the Roof", First Children's book "The Angry River", Short story Collections "Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra"
Awards: Padma Shri (1999) Lifetime Achievement Award (2017), John Llewellyn Rhys Prize (1957) Sahitya Akademi Award (1992).

6. Imagine that you are the Secretary of the Arts Club of your school and you are going to present the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' as a stage show. Prepare a **notice** inviting the students for the stage show.

7. Write three **slogans** on Conservation of Nature. One is given for you.

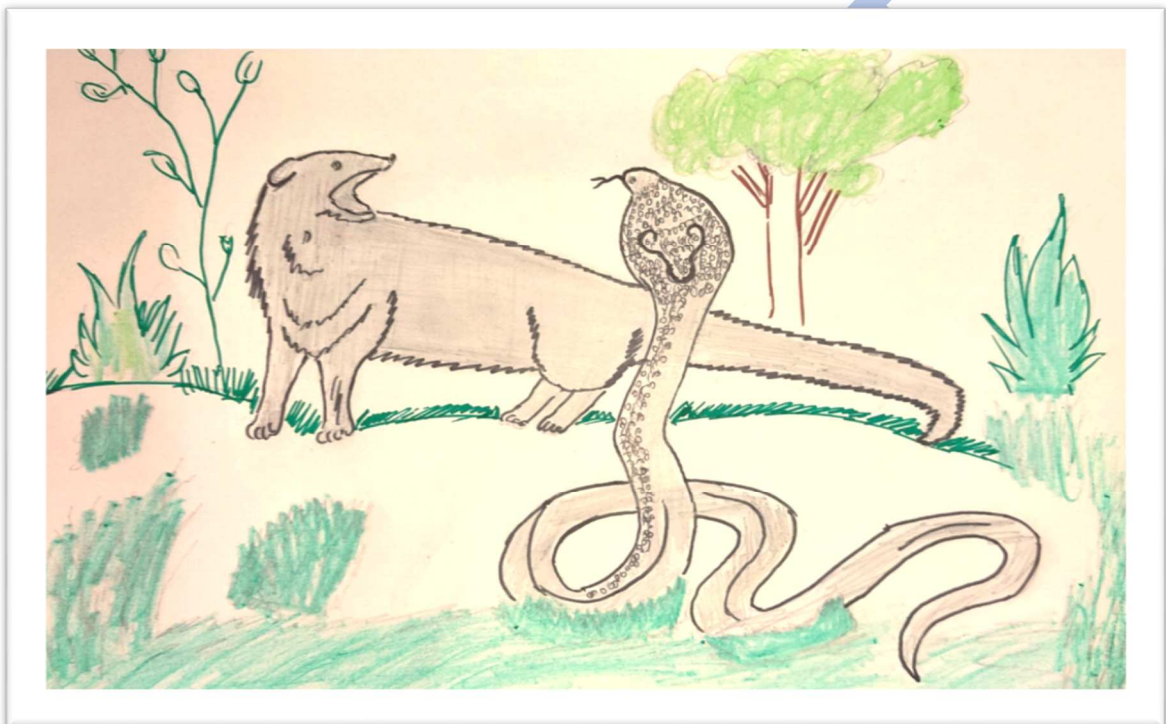


8. Imagine that you visited English Garden made by the Grandfather. Prepare **five questions** that you would ask him during the visit.

9. The following passage contains some errors. They are underlined. **Edit the passage.**

In the spring, when the banyan tree were (a) full of small red figs, birds with (b) all kinds would flock from (c) its branches thus making the banyan tree the noise (d) place to (e) the road.

10. Complete the following **conversation** between the cobra and the mongoose.



Mongoose: Hi you.... Stop there

Snake: _____ (a) _____?

Mongoose: I won't spare you. I'll kill you. You are my enemy, ___ (b) ___?

Snake: No, you can't kill me. If you attack me, _____ (c) _____.

Mongoose: You can't bite me. The long hair on my spine will save me from your bite.

Snake: I've deadly venom in the sacs behind my fangs. You had better _____ (d) _____.

Mongoose: No, I won't go away.

11. Select the most suitable **phrasal verbs**.

(went on, came across, set out, made up his mind, put on)

The boy __ (a)___ his casual dress. As it was very hot, he___(b)___ to go to the pond for a swim. But he was alone there. So, he ___(c) ___ to the banyan tree. He climbed and sat on a branch. He___ (d)___ two enemies; a cobra and a mongoose. They started to fight and it___(e)___ for some time.

12. Identify the **Noun Phrase** in the following sentences.

- a. He built a platform on the banyan tree.
- b. The cobra was weakening.
- c. The little fellow jumped neatly to one side.
- d. An old banyan tree was the centre of attraction.
- e. A few drops of blood glistened on the cobra's back.
- f. The new friend of the squirrel was a white rat.



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