

**1. Complete the conversation between grandfather and grandmother.****4**

Grandma: Hey, my dear, ...a.....?

Grandpa: I was there in the garden. What is the matter?

Grandma: Our grandson has built a platform up on the banyan tree, ...b.....?

Grandpa: No, I haven't seen it. Why did he built there?

Grandma: .....c..... If you want, you can also enjoy sitting there.

Grandpa: I can't climb trees at this age of sixty five.

Grandma: Sixty-Five is not too old an age. You've lost all your courage. Do you know the Countess of Desmond?

Grandpa: .....d..... Who is that?

Grandma: She was an English woman who used to climb tree till her death at the age of 117.

Grandpa: Then, you are my Countess! You go climbing trees; I can't any more

**2. Read the following dialogue and answer the following questions.****2**

Grandfather: -Why do you look very excited?

The boy: -I saw a thrilling fight between a snake and a mongoose.

What did the grandfather ask the boy?

What was his reply?

**3. There are some errors in the following passage. They are underlined. Correct them.****5**

In the spring, when the banyan tree (a) were full of small red figs, birds of all kinds (b) will flick into its branches, the red bottomed bulbul, cheerful and greedy; gossiping rosy pastors; and parrots and cows, squabbling (c) for each other all the time. During the fig season (d) a banyan tree was the (e) noisier place on the road.

**4. Replace the word underlined with the correct form of the phrasal verbs given in brackets.****4**

Ruskin Bond **visited** (a) his grand father's house at the town of Dehra. Ther he got many animal friends and **communicated** (b) with them during his leisure time. He **saved** (c) some food for the grey squirrel, his first friend there. Sometimes he couldn't **understand** (d) their lan-guage.

[ put aside, make out, call on, call at, put across]

**5. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.****5**

Halfway up the tree I had built a small platform ....a... which I would often spend the afternoons when it wasn't too hot. I could read there, propping myself .....b.... against the bole of the tree ....c.... cushions taken from ....d... drawing room. Treasure Island, Huckleberry Finn, The Mowgli stories, and the Novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Louisa May Alcott made up my bag ....e.... very mixed reading.

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