

**Instructions:**

- Read the questions carefully and answer them.
- While answer the questions score, time and the number of questions that come under each section should be considered.

Question from 1 to 4. Read the following passage from the story 'Adventures of Banyan Tree' and answer the questions that follow. (4 x 1 = 4)

My first friend and familiar was a small grey squirrel. Arching his back and sniffing into the air, he seemed at first to resent my invasion of his privacy. But, when he found that I did not arm myself with a catapult or air-gun, he became friendlier. And when I started leaving him pieces of cake and biscuit, he grew bolder and finally become familiar enough to take food from my hands.

1. Who was the author's familiar friend in the Banyan tree?
2. How did he show his resentment towards the author?
3. How did he become friendlier?
4. What did the author give him to become more intimate?

Questions from 5 to 8. Read the following lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions that follow. (4 x 1 = 4)

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan,  
Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man?

5. Why do the twigs spread out their fan?
6. Pick out a set of rhyming words.
7. What is the nature's holy plan?
8. What does the line 'What man has made of man' imply?

Questions 9, 10. Answer any one. Carries 6 scores. (1 x 6 = 6)

9. The boy in the story 'Adventures in Banyan Tree' was thrilled at seeing the fight between the cobra and the mangoose. Suppose you were the boy, how would you narrate the incident to your friend?

10. The story 'The Snake and the Mirror' is a real story told by Basheer. What do you think? Write a paragraph on your views about it.

11. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs given in brackets. (3 x 1 = 3)

(came across, put aside, went on, put forward) put forward

The doctor ... (a) ... telling the story. All his neighbours ... (b) ... their business and turned up there to listen to him. They ... (c) ... many questions to know more about the theft.

12. Identify the noun phrase from the following sentence. 1

An old tree was the centre of attraction.

13. Read the conversation and complete the sentences that follow. 2

Neighbours : Did you see the snake the next day?

Doctor : I've never seen it since