

KHM HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VALAKKULAM
FIRST MIDTERM EVALUATION - 2023

ENGLISH

Time: 40 Minutes

STD:X

Max Marks:20

Read the extract from the lesson 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the questions that follow:

The tree was older than Grandfather, as old as the town of Dehra, nestling in a valley at the foot of the Himalayas.

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 became familiar enough to take food from my hands.

1. Where is Dehra?
2. Who was the first friend of the boy?
3. Why did not the squirrel become a friend of the boy first?
4. What did the boy offer the squirrel?
5. Pick out the word from the passage which means to '**feel injured**'.. (5x1=5)

Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

6. What does the speaker mean by "a thousand blended notes" ?
7. Pick out an example of " Personification " from the poem ?
8. How does the speaker describe the connection between nature and the human soul ?
9. Why does the speaker feel grief ?
10. Where was the speaker sitting when he heard the blended notes?

(5x1=5)

11. Write a **profile of William Wordsworth** using the hints given below

Date of Birth : April 7, 1770

Place of Birth : Cockermouth, Cumberland, England

Nationality : British

Occupation : Poet

Education : Hawkshead Grammar School and St. John's College, Cambridge.

Famous Works : Lyrical Ballads, The Prelude, Daffodils

Awards and Recognition : Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom in 1843.

Died : April 23, 1850 Westmorland, England

OR

The boy was thrilled at seeing the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. he wrote his feelings in a **diary**. How it would be?

(1x5=5)

Edit the following sentence

12. Grandfather had never **see (a)** white squirrels before and we **gazing (b)** at them in wonder. when I mentioned the white **rats(c)** frequent visit, grandfather told me that the rat must be the father

(3x1=3)

Identify the noun phrase in the subject position

13. The Crow and the Myna determined to take part in the fight.

14. The warm breeze of approaching summer had sent everyone indoors

(2x1=2)