

WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY 21-22

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

AnsX 1

Standard X
ENGLISH

1.

1. Grandfather had encouraged the mongoose to live in the garden to keep away the snakes. So, when it won the fight, he was happy.
2. Grandfather believed that a wild mongoose was more useful than a domesticated one.
3. Once the narrator saw the mongoose with an egg in its mouth, and then he knew that it had been in the poultry house.
4. Grandmother would forgive the mongoose for stealing eggs because it kept snakes away from the house.
5. 'Wild' is an antonym for 'domesticated'.

2.

THE BOY IN THE STORY 'ADVENTURES IN A BANYAN TREE'

The boy, who is the protagonist in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree', appears to be a school student. He is enchanted by nature and likes to be in company with various creatures in nature. He lives with his loving and caring grandparents. His sixty five year old grandfather has setup an English model garden, and in the garden there is a magnificent banyan tree which is older than the grandfather and the house. The boy has made the tree his domain and built a platform halfway up the tree where he spends his afternoons reading books. He likes various kinds of books including adventure stories and novels. Whenever he is not in a mood of reading he sits on the platform and enjoys the sights around him. Once he sees a frightening fight between a huge cobra and a mongoose which the mongoose wins killing the cobra. He has made friendship with one of the squirrels living in the banyan tree, which delves into his pocket and takes food from him. He has also made friendship with a white rat which his grandfather bought from the bazaar. He often takes this white rat to the banyan tree and it mates with one of the squirrels there. The squirrel gives birth to three white baby squirrels. The boy and his grandparents are in the thrill of having this nature's rarest gift, and the boy is proud of the white rat father, the squirrel mother and the three white baby squirrels.

3.

- Grandfather :** What happened? Why are you running my boy?
- Boy :** Grandfather I saw an exciting incident today.
- Grandfather :** What is that?
- Boy :** I saw a cobra and a mongoose fighting each other.
- Grandfather :** Where did you see it?
- Boy :** Under the banyan tree. I was sitting on the platform half way up the tree.
- Grandfather :** Who won the battle?
- Boy :** It was the mongoose who won the battle. It was only 3 feet long but a good fighter. The cobra tried its best to bite it but couldn't. The quick movements and the hair on its spine saved the mongoose from the snake bite.
- Grandfather :** Yes, the mongoose is a superb fighter.
- Boy :** Towards the end of the fight, the cobra was exhausted but the mongoose attacked fearlessly... With a lightning snap bit the snake by the head and killed it.
- Grandfather :** The mongoose is really a useful animal. We should never harm it.
- Boy :** Ok grandpa.

4.

10 April 2019

Tuesday 11:00 pm

M What a wonderful sight! My grey squirrel has got white babies. I've never seen or heard of white squirrels before. Even grandpa doesn't know about white squirrels. Grandpa is really a nice person. He loves trees, birds, animals and everything in nature. I know he loves me too very much. Actually he might have bought the white rat for me. He said the rats and squirrels were related each other. It is right, as grandpa said, the father of the white baby squirrels is my white rat. How many varieties of creatures are there in nature! We should do everything to protect the nature and its creatures. I'm proud of my grey squirrel, white rat and the white baby squirrels. I will bring all my school friends here to show them these wonderful sights.

5.

RUSKIN BOND

Ruskin Bond is an eminent contemporary Indian writer of British descent. He was born on May 19, 1934 at Kasauli in India. He was educated at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla. He is a famous writer and poet. He wrote his first Novel "The Room on the Roof", at the age of seventeen. He got John Llewellyn Rhys Prize in 1957. His first children's book was "The Angry River". In 1992, he received the Sahitya Academy Award for his short story collection. 'Our Tree Still Grow in Dehra'. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 for his contributions to Children's literature. He was also honoured with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' in 2017.

6.

Govt. HSS Vattappara

NOTICE

16/07/2021

Stage Show...!!!

Dear students,

This is to inform the students that the members of Arts Club are going to present a stage show based on the story "Adventures in a Banyan Tree" on 25th July 2021 in the school auditorium at 10 am. All the students are cordially invited to the show. All are request to be present in the auditorium by 9.45 am.

Name

Arts Club Secretary

7.

Stop Cutting Trees & Protect Nature

Plant Trees & Nurture our Environment

Avoid Plastic & Save our Mother Earth

8.

1. How long have you been keeping this garden?
2. Have you any difficulty in maintaining the garden alone?
3. What kind of flowers are there in your garden?
4. Is there a lake in this garden?
5. Which are the famous English gardens? (Any five questions)

9.

- a. was
- b. of
- c. into
- d. nosiest
- e. on

10.

- a. What do you want?
- b. aren't you?
- c. I will bite you?
- d. go away from here.

11.

- a. put on
- b. made up his mind
- c. set out
- d. came across
- e. went on

12.

A noun phrase can either be a single word (head noun) or more than one word (head noun + modifier)

- a. He**
- b. The cobra**
- c. The little fellow**
- d. An old banyan tree**
- e. A few drops of blood**
- f. The new friend of the squirrel**