

# SSLC-2022 BOOST DOSE A+ SCORER

## FOCUS AREA BASED TEST PAPER

### ENGLISH

#### ADVENTURES IN A BANYAN TREE

Time:-45 Min

Marks:-25

**I. Read the extract from the story, 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the following questions. (5)**

Though the house and grounds of our home in India were Grandfather's domain, the magnificent old banyan tree was mine-chiefly because Grandfather, at the age of sixty-five, could no longer climb it. Grandmother used to tease him about this, and would speak of a certain Countess of Desmond, an English woman who lived to the age of 117, and would have lived longer if she hadn't fallen while climbing an apple tree. The spreading branches of the banyan tree, which curved to the ground and took root again, forming a maze of arches, gave me endless pleasure. The tree was older than the house, older than Grandfather, as old as the town of Dehra, nestling in a valley at the foot of the Himalayas.

1. Where did the boy like to spend most of his time?
2. What gave the boy endless pleasure?
3. What picture of the banyan tree do you get from this passage?
4. Identify the word from the passage which means 'dislike'.
5. I was not tired. I could climb to the Banyan tree. (Combine the sentences with enough to)

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**II. 6-7 Answer any one of the following questions. (6)**

6. In 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree', Ruskin Bond transports us to nature where various creatures indulge in unending activities and the boy, the protagonist, gets immersed in them. Prepare a review of the story.

(Hints: talks about nature's beauty and diversity - describes bonding between man and animals - narrates the struggle for survival - relation between various species.)

7. The boy in the short story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' witnessed a fierce fight between a cobra and a mongoose. Imagine that he narrated the fight to his grandfather. Prepare the likely narrative.

(Hints : the boy sits on top of banyan tree – an April afternoon - a huge black cobra glides out - a mongoose emerges from the bushes - a battle of champions - a myna and a jungle crow arrives - intervenes in the fight – the crow dies - the final result of the fight)

**III. 8-10 Answer any TWO of the following questions. Each question carries 4 scores. (8)**

8. The boy was excited to see the thrilling fight between the snake and the mongoose. That night, he wrote his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely diary entry.

9. The English Club of your school invites the noted writer Ruskin Bond to inaugurate a three day literary festival in your school. Prepare a notice to invite the parents, teachers and the students of the school to the function.

10. Imagine that you meet the boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree'. You ask him about the fight between the mongoose and the cobra. Prepare the likely conversation.

**11. Edit the following passage. The errors are given in bold. (4)**

It was (a) **at** April. The warm breeze of the approaching winter (b) **have** sent everyone indoors including grandfather. Suddenly I saw a snake (c) **out coming** of a group of cactus and (d) **slow** moving to the cooler part of the garden.

**12. Read the conversation between the boy and the grandfather and answer the questions given below. (2)**

Grandfather : Why do you look very excited?

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

(a) What did the grandfather ask the boy?

(b) What was his reply?