A. Visual & Cultural Warm-Up

Observe the pictures of Mount Merapi and an ancient banyan tree displayed on Liveworksheets. Answer the guiding questions briefly in your own words.

1. What connection do traditional Indonesian folktales often have with natural landmarks such as mountains or ancient trees?

[Short Answer Box] Type your response here...

2. Why do you think local communities protect sacred trees or forests on mountain slopes?

[Short Answer Box] Type your response here...

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B. Listening Comprehension: "The Whispering Banyan of Mount Merapi"

> **Teacher / Audio Note**
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> Embed Audio File 1 — "The Whispering Banyan of Mount Merapi" on Liveworksheets. Students are advised to listen to the audio twice before answering.

1. What main problem threatened Kalibening Village in the story?

- ☐ A. A sudden volcanic eruption
- ☐ B. A severe drought that dried up the springs
- ☐ C. A massive landslide on the upper ridge
- ☐ D. A forest fire in the sacred grove

2. Why did Arka decide to climb toward the upper ridge of Mount Merapi?

- ☐ A. To hunt for rare herbs to sell in town
- ☐ B. To search for a lost villager near the summit
- ☐ C. To find a way to save his village from water scarcity
- ☐ D. To prove his bravery to the village elders

3. According to the story, what was required for someone to become the guardian of the ancient banyan tree?

- ☐ A. Offering gold and wealth to the mountain spirit
- ☐ B. Cursing anyone who entered the forest
- ☐ C. Showing pure courage, honesty, and respect for nature
- ☐ D. Cutting down the oldest branches at night

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