

CHAPTER 14
AN ISLAND OF TREES

True/False Questions

1. Grandmother's father served in the Indian Forest Service. (True / False)
2. The peepul tree was cut down by Grandmother's mother. (True / False)
3. The jackfruit tree was Koki's favorite for climbing. (True / False)
4. The banyan tree remained standing until the end of the story. (True / False)
5. The island's trees eventually multiplied and formed a forest. (True / False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. Grandmother's father rebuilt the temple to protect the _____.
2. The papiha bird's cry was interpreted by Englishmen as, "Oh dear! How very hot it's getting! _____... _____... _____!"
3. The grandmother and her father planted saplings on the island during the _____.
4. The banyan tree's figs attracted birds like _____, mynas, and bulbuls.
5. The grandmother compared the monsoon banyan tree to an _____ with musicians.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did Grandmother's father plant trees on the island?

- a) To sell the wood
 - b) To create a forest for the earth and animals
 - c) To build a new house
 - d) To attract tourists
2. What happened to the original banyan tree?
- a) It was cut down for firewood
 - b) It fell during a storm
 - c) It was transplanted to the garden
 - d) It died of old age
3. What did the peepul tree do to the abandoned temple?
- a) Destroyed its walls
 - b) Grew inside the temple
 - c) Provided shade for visitors
 - d) Was worshipped as a deity
4. What did the grandmother feel when she returned to the island after 20 years?
- a) The trees had died
 - b) The island was a desert
 - c) The trees had multiplied and created a forest
 - d) The river flooded the island
5. Why did Grandmother's father refuse to cut the peepul tree?
- a) He wanted to save both the tree and the temple
 - b) He feared the tree spirit
 - c) The tree was too old
 - d) The temple was sacred

6. What insect annoyed Grandmother's mother in the kitchen?
 - a) Ladybirds and caterpillars
 - b) Mosquitoes
 - c) Ants
 - d) Beetles
7. What season is best for planting trees in the story?
 - a) Winter
 - b) Summer
 - c) Monsoon
 - d) Autumn
8. What did the grandmother compare the banyan tree to during the monsoon?
 - a) A desert
 - b) An orchestra
 - c) A fortress
 - d) A ghost
9. What bird challenged the grandmother with a "who-areyou" call?
 - a) Parrot
 - b) Hawk-cuckoo
 - c) Wild pheasant
 - d) Crow
10. What did the grandmother's father say trees prevent?
 - a) Earthquakes
 - b) Desertification and riverbank erosion
 - c) Floods

d) Animal extinction