

5. The Giving Tree

WORKSHEET 1

COMPREHENSION

Read the given passage carefully.

The Great Banyan is a tree located in Acharya Jagadish Bose Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah, near Kolkata. It is over 250 years old. It is also mentioned in the travel books of the nineteenth century. The tree was damaged by two great cyclones in 1884 and 1886. Many of its branches were broken and exposed to the attack of a fungus then.

The Great Banyan tree looks like a forest rather than an individual tree. The main trunk of the tree decayed and so it was removed in 1925. The tree now lives without its main trunk. The tree is spread over 14,500 square metres. The present crown of the tree has a circumference of about 1 kilometre and its highest branch rises to about 25 metres. It has about 3,300 aerial roots reaching down to the ground from its branches and stem.

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

- The Great Banyan is located in Acharya Jagadish Bose Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah, near
(a) Chennai. (b) Mumbai.
(c) Kolkata. (d) Delhi.
- The tree was damaged years ago by
(a) lightning. (b) two cyclones.
(c) fire. (d) earthquake.
- The Great Banyan looks like
(a) a forest. (b) a peepal tree.
(c) a single tree. (d) a bush.

B. 'Spread over' means 'covers'. Given below are some phrases with the word 'spread'. Match the phrases with their correct meanings.

Phrases	Meanings
1. spread all over	(a) to tell others about something
2. spread the word	(b) (for something) to spread rapidly
3. spread something out	(c) to do new and different things
4. spread like wildfire	(d) to try to do too many things at the same time
5. spread your wings	(e) found everywhere
6. spread yourself too thin	(f) to open or lay something on a wider area

C. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

1. The Great Banyan is over _____ old.
2. The tree was damaged by two cyclones in _____ and _____.
3. The main trunk of the tree was removed in 1925 because it _____.
4. The tree is spread over _____ metres.
5. It has about _____ aerial roots reaching down to the ground.

WORKSHEET 2

GRAMMAR

A. Fill in the blanks using appropriate auxiliary verbs.

1. Why _____ you losing your temper without knowing the facts of the case?
2. _____ you wait for the school bus, or _____ you wait for your father to come?
3. She _____ be leaving for Hyderabad tomorrow to attend her cousin's marriage.
4. She _____ definitely help you when you approach her with a request.

