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**Chapter 4: The Tree Lover**

**(Questions and answers from the back of the chapter)**

**This entire work must be done neatly in the English Literature copy (C.B.)**

**I. Answer these questions:**

Q1. Why did the speaker think that the plants and trees loved his Grandfather?

Ans. The speaker thought that the plants and trees loved his Grandfather because one day he noticed the tendril of a creeping vine was moving very slowly towards his Grandfather to touch his feet. Sometimes while sitting alone beneath a tree, he used to feel that the garden would become a happy place as soon as Grandfather joined him.

Q2. Describe the speaker's Grandfather.

Ans. Grandfather was a lean and active man who still rode his bicycle at great speed at the age of about sixty years.

Q3. Why did Grandfather plant trees in the forest?

Ans. Grandfather planted trees in the forest for the birds and animals who lived there. Those birds and animals needed more food and shelter.

Q4. Name any three or four trees mentioned in the story.

Ans. The names of the trees are: mango, tamarind, laburnum and coral.

Q5. Why, according to Grandfather, are the trees standing still?

Ans. According to Grandfather, the trees stand still because a Devil had cast a spell over them.

Q6. How did the speaker describe the monsoon?

Ans. The speaker described the monsoon as a season when the rains brought life and greenness everywhere. In this season, the plants sprang up in the most unlikely places. All the animals welcomed the end of the hot weather.

Q7. How did Grandfather's dream come true?

Ans. The small rocky island had become a green paradise with the spectacular red plumes of the coral blossom and many other trees and plants. This was the dream of Grandfather and it had come true.

## II. Answer these questions with reference to the context:

1. *'If a mango can grow here, so can other trees.'*

a. Who said this?

Ans. Grandfather said this.

b. Which place was the speaker talking about?

Ans. The speaker was talking about a small rocky island in the middle of a dry riverbed.

c. Why did the speaker say this?

Ans. The speaker said this because he thought of planting other trees as well.

2. *'We're not planting for people only.'*

a. Who said this?

Ans. Grandfather said this.

b. Why did the speaker say so?

Ans. The speaker said this as he was planting the trees for the birds and animals who lived there.

c. How did the listener react?

Ans. The listener reacted by protesting. He said that no one would see the trees planted by them in the forest.