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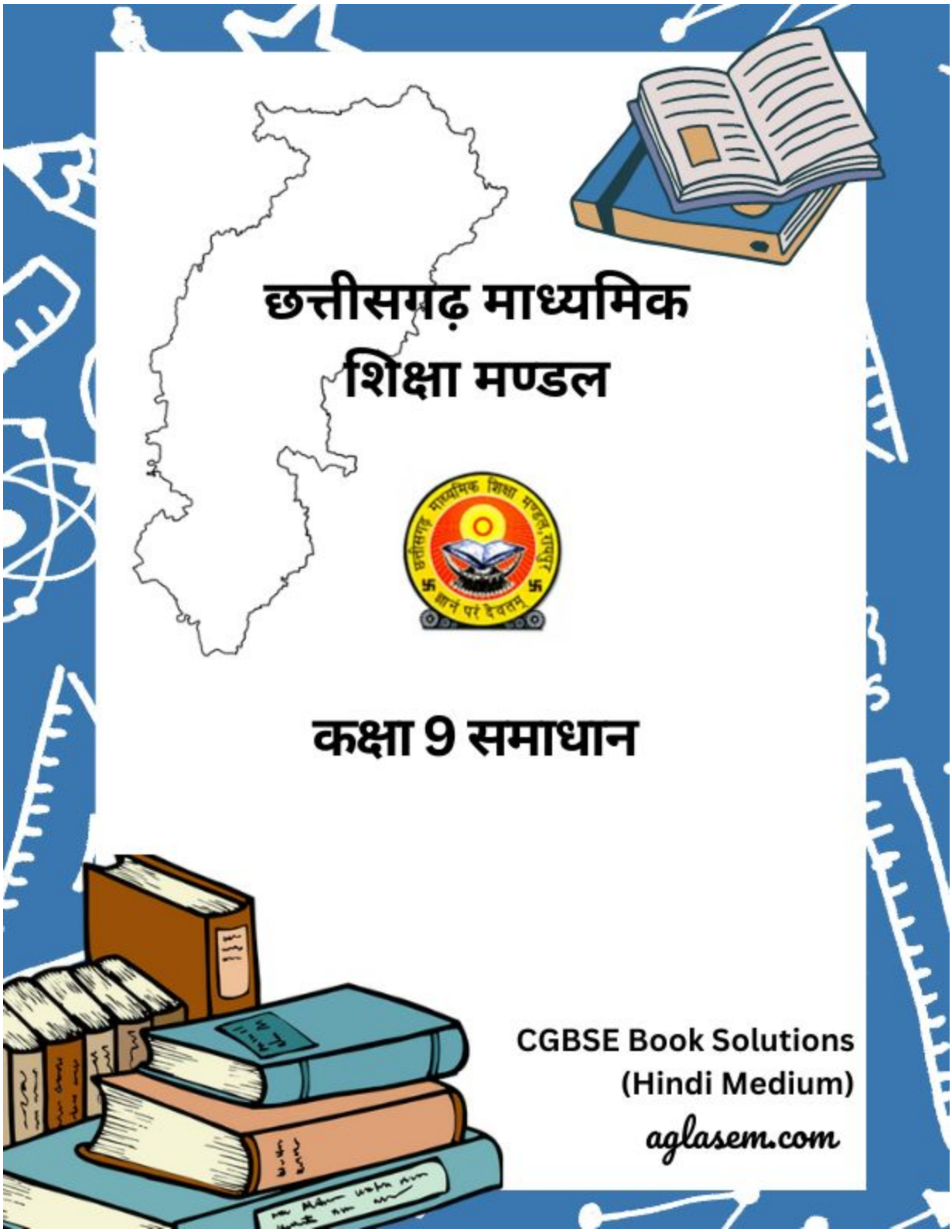

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CHAPTER- Reading A
Unit -1 - Environment
The Jamun Tree

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Look at the pictures and answer the questions that follow.

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Work in groups-

Q.1. Why do you think the trees have been chopped in picture 1?

Ans:- The trees have been chopped for various reasons as to obtain wood for fuel, manufacturing, construction etc.

Q.2. What are the children doing in picture 2?

Ans:- Children are planting trees in the picture 2 to create awareness on our responsibility towards nature.

Q.3. What does picture 3 suggest?

Ans:- Picture 3 suggests how rivers have been destroyed by dumping wastes such as agriculture, industrial etc.

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Q.4. What does picture 4 suggest about water crisis?

Ans:- Picture 4 suggests that people lack access to water and experience water scarcity at least one month a year in many areas.

Q.5. What implications do the pictures (1, 3, 4) have for the environment?

Ans:- The loss of trees can cause climate change, soil erosion, flooding etc. This can also lead to decrease in ground water recharge. People can't get enough water to drink, wash or grow crops and economic decline may occur.

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Q.I. Answer the following questions.

Question-1. Describe the Jamun tree in at least five sentences.
Ans:- The Jamun tree was tall and stately. It had dark green leaves and twirling branches that clawed into the sky. It had knotty and gnarled branches. It had many visitors and it gave shade to the children. It bore abundant fruits.

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Question-2. What options did Ricky, Jonak, Monpi and Tinky find out for getting wood for mejhi ?
Answer :- Ricky got an idea to build a Champion mejhi and it was he who suggested chopping down the huge jamun tree to get enough wood for their mejhi. And everyone agreed to this.

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Question-3. What changed Ricky's enthusiasm for cutting the Jamun tree?
Answer :-When Ricky climbed up the tree he found a nest of two-young hawk-kites. The tree was a home for many creatures and cutting down the tree would be unfair. This made Ricky feel guilty and this changed Ricky's enthusiasm for cutting the jamun tree.

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Question- 4. What are the good things they had been getting from the Jamun tree?
Answer :- The Jamun Tree was a source of joy to the children.They loved to climb, play hide and seek and even took rest under the shade. The tree bore

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fruits in abundance that even the children from the neighbourhood would also drop in and enjoy eating them.

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Question- 5. Why did Ricky, Jonak, Monpi and Tinky want to have a big mejhi?

Answer :- Ricky, Jonak, Monpi and Tinky were excited to have a big mejhi for the upcoming Bihu festival as every year they had a small mehji. They wanted big mejhi as it would be the envy of all their friends in the neighbourhood.

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Question- 6. What arrangements did the children make for the birds that visited the Jamun tree?

Answer :- There were many creatures that visited the Jamun tree like Chirping sparrows, Squawking parrots, Squabbling magpies etc. Ricky and Jonak would build a bird bath, Monpi and Tinky, their sisters would fill it with water. The birds enjoyed splashing about in the cool water.

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Question- 7. Do you think it is good to cut a tree for the sake of a festival? Give reason (s) for your opinion.

Ans:- Trees give us so much like fruits, shade,and most important fresh oxygen. Tree being in the environment is the reason for stability in other environment elements. There are a number of festivals in India and cutting trees for the sake of it would harm mother nature which will affect all the living creatures. One can celebrate the festival in a simple way by sharing joy and happiness without harming nature. So, it is not a good idea to cut trees for the sake of festivals.

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Q.II Complete the following table-

Visitors to the jamun tree	Names	Description of Activities
Animals	Squirrels	Nibble at the fruits

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Birds	Magpies	Enjoyed Splashing about In the cool water
	Sparrow	
	Parrots	
Insects	Bluebottles	Drink nectar from the fruits
	Honey bees	Filled the air with their urgent buzzing
	Ants	Carry off the fruits which had fallen onto the ground

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Q.I. Work in groups and discuss these questions and then write your answer individually.

Q.1. Give reasons for not cutting a tree.
Ans:- A tree is the source of many things which is required for living. It gives us fresh oxygen, fruits, flowers, etc. It also makes the surroundings beautiful. By cutting trees we harm the environment that impacts the life of living beings.

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Q.2. Give reasons why trees are cut.

Ans:- The trees are cut down for many reasons such as to use as fuel, for stationery items, to use as firewood, etc. In this modern time, there is an increase in industrialization for which many trees are chopped down.

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Q.3. Do you think the trees that do not give fruits should be cut?
Ans:- It's not always fruits that a tree provides.There are many things that a non-fruit bearing tree could give to the environment. so ,the trees that do not give fruits should not be cut down.

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Q.4. Do Human beings alone have rights over the trees?Discuss.
Ans :- No, human beings alone do not have the rights over the trees. Even trees are living beings. They provide a lot many things to human beings and everything is free. We should respect mother nature. We, being humans, should understand and should not try to do things that could harm nature. Just because we know certain things we cannot over power and misuse it.

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Vocabulary-

Q.Tick ()the most appropriate meaning for each of the following words in bold.

Q.1. Monpi and Tinky were enthusiastic about cutting the Jamun tree
- **a. Fascinated**
- **b. Excited**
- **c. Crazy**
- **d. Delighted**

Ans:- b.Excited

Q.2. They marvelled at the discipline with which ants toiled.
- **a. were curious**
- **b. became thoughtful**
- **c. mocked**
- **d. Wondered**

Ans:- d.Wondered

Q.3. Jonak said it is obvious that we cannot cut the tree.
- **a. true**
- **b. well known**
- **c. Clear**
- **d. Possible**

Ans:- c.Clear

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Grammar -

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Subject and predicate -

Read these sentences.

a. A pair of squirrels came regularly to nibble at the fruits.

b. Honeybees filled the air with their buzzing.

The part of the sentence which is in bold is the subject of the sentence and the part which is underlined is the predicate of the sentence. As you can see, the subject can consist of one or more than one word and it is the doer of the action. It generally precedes the predicate.The predicate consists of more than word.It tells about the subject.

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A. Identify the subject and predicate in each of the following sentences given in the passage and write them in the table below.

The syrupy sweetness of the Jamuns invited other visitors too. A pair of squirrels, who lived in a nearby bamboo grove,came regularly to nibble at the fruits. Scores of beautiful bluebottles flitted around the tree settling every now and then to drink nectar from the fruits. Honeybees,who seemed to be forever busy, filled the air with their urgent buzzing. Ants arrived in great numbers, marching in straight lines to carry off the fruit which had fallen onto the ground.The children would spend hours watching the ants.

Answer:-

S.NO.	Subject	Predicate
1	The syrupy sweetness of the jamun.	Invited the visitors too.
2	A pair of squirrels who lived in a nearby bamboo grove.	Came regularly to nibble at the fruits.
3	Scores of beautiful bluebottles flitted around the tree	Settling every now and then to drink nectar from the fruits.
4	Honey Bees, who seemed to be forever busy,	Filled the air with their urgent buzzing.
5	Ants arrived in great numbers.	marching in straight lines to carry off the fruit which had fallen on to the grounds.
6	The children would	Spend hours watching the ants.

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B. **Complete the following sentences with appropriate subjects or predicates.**

1.The people living in the remote area of Chhattisgarh celebrates the festival of Hareli.
2. She/He is known to me.
3. Chhattisgarh is also known as the 'rice bowl' of india.
4. The Bihu festival is celebrated in Assam
5. In democracy the people elect the government.

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Q.I. One and Ones.

Read these sentences.
a. Were there little ones in the nest?

b. It takes years and years for a tree to grow but to cut one down takes just a few hours.

We use 'one' (singular) and 'ones' (plural) to avoid unnecessary repetition. They are therefore generally pronouns.

We also use 'one' and 'ones' after *which* in questions.

Examples
You can recite a poem. Which *one* do you choose?
There are many books here. Which *ones* are yours?

Q.Complete the dialogues given below:

Q: How old are your children?

A: The younger One is four and the older One is seven.

Q. Would you like a new model of mobile?

A. Certainly. The new mobiles are much lighter than the old Ones.

Q. What type of car do you want?

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A. I don't mind what kind of car it is. I just want One that gets me to office.

Q. What do you want to buy?

A. I need some new colour pencils. The Ones I have at the moment are broken

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III. Use of 'There'-

A. Indicate which function of 'There' occurs in the sentences below: 'Adverb of place' or 'Introductory '.

Sentences	Adverb of place	Introductory
a. There is always someone who is naughty in the class.		☑
b. There is the postman. Let me see if he has anything for me.	☑	
c. There were two of them, to full grown little fledglings.		☑
d. There was once a little girl called Alice.		☑
e. We went there on foot.	☑	
f. I saw him standing there.	☑	
g. There was a long silence after the speech.		☑
h. Put your books on the table there.	☑	

B. Rewrite the sentences with the introductory 'There'.

Original sentences	Using introductory 'There'
a. A lady is waiting to see the Principal.	There is a lady waiting to see the Principal.

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b. Nobody was in the room.	There was nobody in the room.
c. Squirrels are in the other tree.	There are Squirrels in the other tree.
d. Payal's car is in the garage.	There is Payal's car in the garage.
e. Your dinner is on the table.	There is your dinner on the table.

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Writing-

I.Ricky, Jonak, Monpi and Tinky are children in the story 'The Jamun Tree'. The month is January. The Bihu festival is fast approaching. They are talking about making *a mejhi*. As you have read the story, dramatize their conversation into a play. The beginning has been given here.

Ricky: Let us build a champion mejhi this year.

Jonak: Yes, yes. A big *mejhi*.

Tinky: The biggest in our neighbourhood.

Monpi: Where will we get so much wood? Father will buy some but that will be just enough for a tiny *mejhi*.

Tinky: That's true, mother uses a gas stove in the kitchen.There's no fire wood in the house.

II. That night as the children got ready to go to bed, Jonak said, "We may have a small *mejhi* this year but I'm glad we didn't cut the Jamun tree." The others nodded happily.

That night Ricky dreamt that he had already chopped down the trunk of the Jamun tree.

Q.Imagine yourself as Ricky and write a letter to your grandmother, who lives in Kolkata, telling her how sorry you were for what had happened. You may begin your letter as below.

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Dear Granny,
I woke up suddenly last night because I dreamt I had cut down the Jamun tree. I had chopped only once, and the big branch was hanging down. How I wish I could put it back again!
The backyard used to be so cheerful with the tree. We use to play, rest in shade and even enjoyed the fruits
As the tree was chopped down, I felt so sorry for all the creatures who visited and even who had home on the tree.
In the morning I was surprised to see the tree in the backyard and felt happy that it was just a dream .
Dearly yours
Ricky

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Listening-

Listen to the story describing the stages that waste paper passes through before it acquires a new shape. However, the stages are not listed in the order in which they appear. Number them in the order in which they appear. For instance, you may write 1 for the first stage, 2 for the second and so on in the boxes.

Big dumpster	4
The crusher	6
Massive crusher	7
The truck	2
A recycled logo	8
Trash can	1
A conveyer	3
The slicer	5

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Study Skills-

Q.Study the table and answer the following questions.

Q.1. What is the total forest cover area?

Ans. 55,674

Q.2. What is the total dense forest area?

Ans. 4,163

Q.3. What is the moderate forest area?

Ans. 34,911

Q.4. What is the open forest area?

Ans. 16,600

Q.5. What is the non-forest cover area?

Ans. 79,517

Q.6. Which district has the highest forest cover area?

Ans. Dantewada - 11,328

Q.7. Which district has the lowest forest cover area?

Ans. Janjgiri - Champa - 155

Q.8. Which district has the highest scrub area (an area with low trees & bushes with very little rain)?

Ans. Dantewada

Q.9. What does the negative change indicate?

Ans. Reduction in the Percent of Forest Cover to Geographic Area.

Q.10. Why do Durg and Janjgir Champa have the lowest and Dantewada and Koriya have the highest percentage of forest cover with respect to G.A.?

Ans. Because both the districts have more plain areas rather than hilly regions.

Q.11. How many districts have a percentage of forest cover with respect to G.A. above and below the Grand Total?

Ans. Above : 16 , Below: 9

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Project Work-

Identify a tree, which may be either connected to a festival or is often seen in your locality and collect the following details.

Q.1. Name of the tree in Hindi, local language and English.
Ans:- The Banyan tree In hindi known as बरगद and in English Banyan tree.

Q.2.What are the features of the tree?

a. Average height of the tree (in feet)
Ans:- Average height of Banyan trees is approx 100 feet.

b. Shape of the leaves.
Ans:- The shape of Banyan tree leaves is elliptical and are large, glossy green and leathery.

c. Do its leaves fall? If yes, name the month in which the leaves fall.
Ans:- Yes, the leaves of the Banyan tree fall in the month of September .

d.Does the tree give fruit? What is the taste of the fruit?
Ans:- Yes, the tree gives fruit in the form of 'syconium'. The taste of fruit is bitter and smells pungent.

e. What are the uses of the tree?
Ans:- Uses of Banyan tree:- preventing constipation, relieving arthritis, improving immunity and prevents skin allergy.

3. Name the animals and birds you regularly see in it.
Ans:- Animals :- Squirrel and monkey.
Birds :- Sparrows, Parrots.

4. Is the tree connected to any festival? If yes, name the festival.
Ans:- Yes, The name of two festivals is Vat Purnima.

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5.Have you ever seen people cutting the tree? If yes, find out why people cut it?

Ans:- Yes, I have seen people cutting trees. People cut down trees for lots of reasons. This is because people need to build stores, houses, and other buildings. People also cut down trees to clear land for agricultural use. Trees are often cut down for wood for fire to heat up homes and to cook food.

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