

Grandma Climbs a Tree poem notes for SSLC

Q.I Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences each.

1. What does the poet call his grandmother? Why does he call her so?

Answer: Ruskin Bond calls his grandmother a genius because she could climb trees at the age of 62. She was passionate about climbing and could climb any type of tree, regardless of its height or spread.

2. How did grandma feel while she lay in bed?

Answer: Grandma stayed in bed for a week, and it felt like a short time in hell for her. She wanted to climb trees, but she resisted the urge.

3. What did the family members and neighbours tell the grandmother as years went by?

Answer: The family members told Grandma that she should stop climbing trees because she was getting old. They said that she should age gracefully.

Q.II Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences each.

4. What qualities of grandma do you appreciate?

Answer: Grandma's ability to live life the way she wanted is admirable. She was very different from others and didn't follow what society thought was right or wrong. She was amazing at climbing trees and even climbed one when she was sixty-two.

5. What is the moral of the poem "Grandma Climbs a Tree"?

Answer: The poem shows that being strong and independent is important. It tells us to stop thinking we can't do things and to believe in ourselves. No matter how old we are or what others expect, we can do amazing things.

6. Why does grandmother's preference of climbing a tree rather than a lift?

Answer: Grandmother's skill in climbing trees is not new. She was still climbing trees at the age of sixty-two. This shows that she has always liked being in trees more than being in elevators, she had a deep connection to nature. Her love for nature and her adventurous spirit make her truly unique. She lives her life with joy and freedom, no matter what others think.

Q.III Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

7. "For her it was like a brief season in hell."

a) For whom it was like a brief season in hell?

Answer: For the grandma

b) Which was brief season in hell for her?

Answer: Confinement to bed

c. Why did the speaker feel so?

Answer: She felt very miserable as she could no longer climb trees.

8. "I strongly recommend a quiet week in bed."

a) Who does 'I' refer to?

Answer: The doctor

b) Who was told to have a quiet week in bed?

Answer: To the grandma

c) Why was a quiet week recommended?

Answer: Because she had climbed a tree and had not been able to come down. After she was rescued, the doctor took her temperature and recommended rest.

9. "I'll start work tonight".

a) Who planned to start the work?

Answer: The poet's father.

b) What was the work?

Answer: To build a house in a treetop.

c) Why was he doing it?

Answer: To fulfil his mother's wish.

Q.IV Answer the following question in 8-10 sentences.

10. Write the substance of the poem 'Grandma Climbs a Tree.' **OR**

"My grandmother was genius" says the poet. Justify your answer. **OR**

The poet appreciates his grandmother's extraordinary behaviour very much. Justify. **OR**

Describe in your own words how the poet's grandma was a genius and how she upheld 'her right to reside in a tree'. **OR**

The behaviour of Ruskin Bond's grandmother is unusual. Explain.

Answer:

The poem "Grandma Climbs a Tree" is written by Ruskin Bond. Grandma was amazing and different from others. Even at sixty-two, she could quickly climb trees. She had this special talent since she was a child. She was happier in trees than in city elevators. When neighbours told her to stop climbing trees and live gracefully, she ignored them. She learned to climb trees at six from her brother, though family members worried she might fall. One day, she climbed a tree and couldn't get down. The doctor recommended a week of bed rest, which she hated. After recovering, she asked for a treehouse. Her son and the poet built one for her, and she enjoyed her life happily in nature.

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