## 3. Around A Medicinal Creeper

## I. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each:

1. How long did the author take to learn about the medicinal creeper? (K) 2. What was to be protected from the sun by putting up a shade over it? (K) 3. Who brought some creepers from the forest? (K) 4. Where did Sanna bring the creepers from? (K) 5. Why did Mara scold Sanna? (K) 6. "Hey, why did you pluck this, you fool?" said Mara. Here 'fool' refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_. (K) a) Sanna b) the author c) medicinal creeper 7. Who tied the medicinal creeper to the tree? (K) 8. What did Mara do when he found the medicinal creeper? (K) 9. According to Mara, 'the thief' was . (K) a) Sanna b) the author c) the medicinal creeper 10. According to Mara, who had cursed the medicinal creeper? (K) 11. What was the curse of the sage on the medicinal creeper? (K) 12. What do the leaves of the medicinal creeper resemble? (K) 13. The medicinal creeper bears fruits in a bunch like \_\_\_\_\_ . (Fill in the blank.) (K) 14. When does the medicinal creeper come up every year? (K) 15. Mara tied the medicinal creeper to a tree so that it . (K) a) needed the support of a tree b) should not run away c) could be easily located 16. When did Mara cut his hand? (K) 17. Whom did Mara go to, when he had a cut in his hand? (K) 18. Where did the white man live, in the lesson 'Around the Medicinal Creeper'? (K) 19. What was the surprise when the white man opened Mara's bandage? (K) 20. How did Mara convince the white man that he had a wound on his hand? (K) 21. What did the white man offer Mara if he showed him the plant? (K) 22. The white man threatened to shoot Mara if he \_\_\_\_\_. (K) a) didn't take him to the forest b) didn't show him the plant c) had no wound on his hand 23. On which side did Mara not have any teeth? (K) 24. How did the stick taste when Mara was brushing his teeth? (K) 25. What did Mara and his friend wrap the meat of the barking deer with? (K) 26. What did Mara find when he opened the packet of the meat of the barking deer? (K) 27. Where did Mara's wife throw the leaves which were used to pack the meat? (K) 28. What did Appanna say about the medicinal creeper when it was mixed with milk? (K) 29. Name the plant pathologist in 'Around the Medicinal Creeper'. (K) 30. What was Mr. Chandru in 'Around the Medicinal Creeper'? (K) 31. What happened when milk was mixed with the leaves of the medicinal creeper? (K) after stopping his work in the narrator's estate. (K) 32. Krishna was working as a \_\_\_\_\_ a) rickshaw driver b) doctor c) plant pathologist

- 33. What was Krishna suffering from? (K)
- 34. What was the only allopathic treatment for piles according to the narrator? (K)
- 35. What did the doctor advise for Krishna's piles? (K)
- 36. Who treated Krishna when he had got boils all over his body? (K)
- 37. 'Godman' refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_. (K)
- a) Mara b) Krishna c) Malayali sadhu
- 38. What did the author do when he found the tuberous root of the medicinal creeper? (K)
- 39. What was the taste of the tuberous root of the medicinal creeper ? (K)
- 40. When did the swelling in the author's right heel disappear? (K)
- 41. Why did the Malayali sadhu share his knowledge of the medicine with Krishna? (K)
- 42. When would the medicines lose their potency, according to the belief of native doctors?(K)
- 43. How do the mongoose and cowcal save themselves from snakebite? (K)

## II. Answer the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words.

- 1. Why did Mara tie the medicinal creeper to the tree? (C)
- 2. What was the curse of the sage? What did Mara do when he found the medicinal creeper?(C)
- 3. What was the narrator's opinion about Mara tying the medicinal creeper to a tree? (C)
- 4. How differently did Mara and the author think about tying the medicinal creeper to a tree?(C)
- 5. What happened when Mara was cutting the bamboo shoot? How was he cured? (C)
- 6. Why was the white man ready to give his entire plantation to Mara? (C)
- 7. Why did the white man threaten to shoot Mara? (C)
- 8. How was Mara treated when he had a cut in his hand? (C)
- 9. What story did Mara narrate about his fallen teeth? (C)
- 10. How did Mara lose his teeth only on the right side of his mouth? (C)
- 11. How did Mara save himself from losing all his teeth? (C)
- 12. Narrate Mara's story about the meat of the barking deer changing into a live wild buck. ( C )
- 13. How did the milk become firm and rubbery? ( C )
- 12. Describe the experiment conducted by the narrator and his friend Chandru to know about the hardening of milk. ( C )
- 13. How was Krishna cured of his illness? ( C )
- 14. How did the Malayali sadhu cure Krishna of his piles and boils on his body? (C)
- 15. Narrate how the swelling of the narrator's right heel disappeared. ( C )

## III. Answer the following in about 200 words :

- 1. Why are India's native medicinal systems on the verge of extinction? (A)
- 2. What has made the modern man lose the knowledge of traditional medicine? ( A )
- 3. Is the author suggesting that Indian herbal medicine is safer than allopathic medicine? Discuss.(A)
- 4. The incident of Mara's wife throwing the leaves into the fire reflects the ignorance of India's native medicinal systems. Discuss. (A)