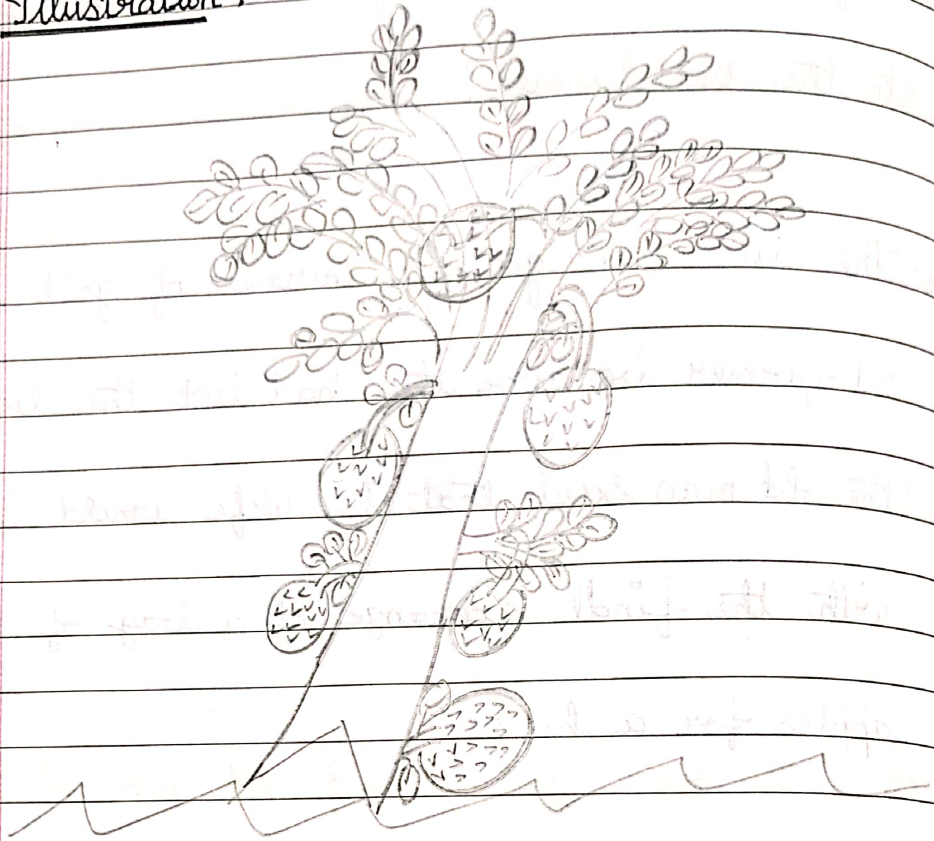


### 3. From the Coast to the Hilltop.

#### Notes

#### Illustration:



#### II Key words:

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| 1. majestic  | 6. tugged      |
| 2. scenic    | 7. firewood    |
| 3. balmy     | 8. gingerly    |
| 4. native    | 9. embarrassed |
| 5. entangled | 10. climbing   |

III Synonyms:

1. balmy - Warm but pleasant.
2. tugged - pulled
3. fragrant - Sweet smell.
4. entangled - caught (or) twist
5. embarrassed - feeling uncomfortable and ashamed

IV Antonyms:

1. Sharp x blunt.
2. excited x calm.
3. wore x removed
4. built x destroyed
5. stuck x free (or) loose.

V Homophones:

1. fair - fare
2. hair - hare
3. plain - plane
4. Weather - whether.
5. flower - flour.

VI Answer the following questions with reference to context:

1. "I will come down now, Salitri didi,"  
Said Prema.

a. Who is Salitri didi?

Ans: Salitri didi is aunt Shobhna's housekeeper.

b. When did Prema say this?

Ans: Prema said this when her legs got entangled in the branches of the tree.

c. How did Salitri help Prema?

Ans: Salitri brought a ladder and placed it against the tree to help Prema come down from the tree.

2. "You can show me your better climbing skills then."

a. Who said the above line and to whom?

Ans: Neeral said this to Prema.

b. Where were the skills to be displayed?

Ans: The skills were to be displayed on the coconut tree.



c. Is the speaker rude (or) friendly? How did everyone react to this line?

Ans: The speaker is friendly. Everyone had a good laugh when the speaker said this.

VII. Answer the following questions:

1. Why was Prema excited?

Ans: Prema was excited about her first trip to Assam because her geography teacher had shared many stories about its scenic beauty, the lush green tea gardens, the majestic mountains, the mighty Brahmaputra River and the powerful one-horned rhinoceros. She wanted to experience it all.

2. What did Prema feel about the weather in Assam? How did she find it different from her native place?

Ans: Prema felt the air to be sharp and cool as compared to the balmy, warm sea breeze of her native place Kerala.

3. What did Aunt Shobhana explain to Prema about her house?

Ans: Prema saw that aunt's house was on stilts and was made of bamboo. Aunt Shobhana explained that the house was very old and was built in this style for safety during the floods.

4. Who welcomed Prema in the house? How was she welcomed?

Ans: Aunt Shobhna's housekeeper Sabitri's son, Neeraj, welcomed Prema by handing over a gamusa to her.

5. What difference did Prema find in the food and flavours of Assam?

Ans: Prema found the fish curry tangy and cooked in mustard oil which tasted and smelled very different from the coconut oil she was used to eating in Kerala.

6. How did Prema get entangled in the branches of the jackfruit tree?

Ans: Prema miscalculated the heavy load of jackfruits hanging from the trunk and lost her footing and her legs got entangled in the branches.

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