



## **CHAPTER 4 : NATIVE WISDOM**

### **A. Read the line and answer the questions.**

1. If I were you, I would wear them. (Native Wisdom)
  - a. Who is the speaker? When and to whom did he speak these words?
  - b. What does 'them' refer to?
  - c. Why does the speaker make the above remark?
2. It was only when Leon stopped and drew his attention that the tourist would see the many different creatures of the rainforest.
  - a. Why did Leon have to draw the tourist's attention?
  - b. What was the tourist's attitude towards Leon?
  - c. What did the tourist learn from this experience?

### **ANSWER**

1. a. The above lines are spoken by the tourist to Leon, when Leon took off his shoes and slung it over his shoulder while walking through the forest.
  - b. 'Them' refers to the pair of shoes which the forest dweller had put on his shoulders.
  - c. The speaker makes the above remarks because, according to him, one should wear shoes to protect the feet while walking in the forests. He considers Leon as stupid because he wears them on his shoulder, instead.
2. a. The tourist seemed to be a person who thought of forests only in terms of the wood that could be got from the forest. He was not able to see the actual beauty or

the richness of the forest. Hence Leon, the guide had to draw his attention to the beautiful sights that nature offered.

b. He had an indifferent attitude towards Leon, a forest dweller who, according to the tourist, was stupid and ignorant.

c. The tourist learnt that the things that looked like leaves and wood were actually different animals and birds. Only then did he begin to realise that Leon was not a fool, after all.

**B. Choose the correct answer.**

1. What runs through the Amazon rainforests in a web-like network?

- a. The tribals
- b. The tourists
- c. Streams and rivulets

2. The thick liana, draped over a fallen tree, with a richly patterned bark, had a flat head at one end...What was the flat head at the end of the liana?

- a. It was actually a flower at the end.
- b. It was a thick woody climber that grows on trees.
- c. It was a boa constrictor waiting for its prey.

3. This story is all about.

- a. The tourist
- b. Leon
- c. The Amazon rainforest

**ANSWER**

- 1. c
- 2. c
- 3. c

**C. Answer in brief.**

1. How is water found everywhere in the Amazon rainforest?
2. What kind of streams does the writer describe in Native Wisdom?

**ANSWER**

1. The forest absorbs water from the rain like a sponge. The water slowly comes out in different places across the forest in the form of rivulets and streams. This network of countless streams in the forest, finally falls into the river Amazon.
2. The dyes from some trees in the Amazon rainforest seep into the water in the streams, turning it into a certain coffee colour. Though the water is not clear, it is perfectly clean and good to drink. Several such streams are found in the forests.

**D. Complete the sentences given below with correct reflexive pronoun.**

1. Did your mother buy anything for \_\_\_\_\_ last week?
2. Did the pupils answer all the questions \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Ben is a baby and he is too small to eat by \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If you can't do this exercise by \_\_\_\_\_, ask the teacher for help.

**ANSWER**

1. herself
2. themselves
3. himself
4. yourself