

National Institute of Open Schooling
Secondary Course : English
Lesson 21 : The Village Pharmacy
Worksheet – 21

1. This lesson is titled 'The Village Pharmacy'. Do you think this is an appropriate title? Why
2. Neema's grandfather says that the air conditioners we use may not match the healthy cooling effects of a neem tree. Explain the line in your own words.

3. Read the passage and answer the following questions:

Traditionally, in India, the neem has been used widely as a medicine, for many centuries. It can fight inflammation, hypertension and ulcers. It can combat diabetes and malaria. Boils, rashes and wounds disappear in no time. You name it and the neem cures it. It is a panacea for many ailments. Even as early as 4000-4500 years ago, various parts of the neem tree were used in cosmetics and medicinal products by East Indian Harappans.

- Give some medicinal benefits of neem.
- To which period can we date the origin of neem tree.

4. Read the passage and answer the following questions:

The prayer meetings at the Sabarmati ashram were conducted under a Neem tree and neem leaf chutney was a part of his everyday diet. And Neema, if you think that the Neem has medicinal properties alone, you are mistaken. It also increases the fertility of the soil. Thus it is eco-friendly. It is a good insect repellent. In fact research has proved that its chemical makeup is such that it is resistant to more than two hundred different types of insects. It has also proved to be a good pesticide. Neem is thus agrofriendly too. It protects crops from harmful insects, viruses and bacteria. The litter of its fallen leaves is rich in organic content and hence serves as good manure. The neem is also an ideal source of timber for carpentry, for its wood is termite resistant.

- To whom does Sabarmati ashram belong to?
- List some medicinal properties of Neem plant.
- Why is neem referred to as agro friendly?
- Why is neem an ideal source for carpentry?

5. No wonder the neem is known as the 'wonder tree 'and you're a wonder girl too!

- Who is speaker of the above line?
- Whom is the speaker referring to?
- What do you understand by the line "wonder girl."who in the lesson is the order girl and why?

6. What is the most stressful part about working at The Village Pharmacy?

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7. Why is the neem tree termed as 'The Village Pharmacy'?
8. Change the following active sentences into passive voice.
 1. I will never forget this trip.
 2. Susan collects money. -
 3. Jacob opened the window. -
 4. We have done our homework. -
 5. They did not clean their rooms.
9. Fill in the gaps with adjectives of your choice.
 1. It is _____ to interrupt people.
 2. I was _____ to go to the market with you.
 3. Jake is _____ to run in the marathon.
 4. Lily was _____ to hear the bad news.
 5. I was _____ to win the contest.
10. Make a poster for your neighbourhood, creating awareness about the medicinal properties of Neem tree.