



COMMON TREES AROUND US

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1. An evergreen tree with bitter compound leaves and toothed margined leaflets is of immense medicinal value. Leaves are used as insecticide and young twigs are used as crude toothbrushes.

- a) Shisham
- b) Neem
- c) Teak
- d) Fig



2. A tall deciduous tree covered with almost horizontal branches, best known for its cotton-like fluffy, soft, silky, shiny, yellowish tuft of fibres that cover its minute seeds produced in elongated pods. Fibres are used for stuffing cushions, pillows, mattresses, sleeping bags, life jackets and upholstery. Also used as an insulating and absorbent material.

- a) Pine
- b) Maple
- c) Kapok
- d) Powderpuff



3. A beautiful medium-sized evergreen tree with drooping branches is mainly planted for ornamental landscaping. Known for their cylindrical, pendant brush-like flowers arising in spikes. Numerous brightly coloured red stamens form the showy part of the flowers, which develop into triple-celled capsules that remain attached to the stem.

- a) Bottlebrush
- b) Powderpuff
- c) Bottle tree
- d) Bottle palm



4. A late spring or early summer flowering medium-sized ornamental tree, almost entirely covered with bunches of numerous bright yellow pendulous flowers, looks beautiful when in full bloom. Also known as the golden shower tree.

- a) Yellow Oleander
- b) Burflower tree
- c) Amaltas
- d) Mango tree



5. A resourceful monocotyledonous plant which bears a pseudostem made of many leaf stalks that produces a single inflorescence at the tip and is used for decoration purposes to form 'pandals'. Spirally arranged leaves are very long and wide and are used to serve food. Fruits, produced in hanging clusters called bunches, are rich sources of vitamin B₆, vitamin C and potassium.

- a) Banyan
- b) Banana
- c) Peepal
- d) Sandalwood



6. Grown as a tall evergreen avenue tree, it bears leaves in whorls of 4-7 arising from a common centre. Greenish-white fragrant flowers are borne on terminal parts of the branches. The wood of the tree was used for making wooden slates in the olden days and bark is used to make writing pens.

- a) Willow tree
- b) Pencil tree
- c) Alstonia scholaris or Scholar's tree
- d) Bachelor tree



7. A plantation tree, used for pulpwood and production of essential oils, is characterised by a bark that gets shed in long strips when dead exposing a white silvery grey layer of new one.

- a) Blue gum
- b) Silver oak
- c) Neem
- d) Dita Bark tree

